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The background of the cover is a photograph of the Alma Mater monument at the University of Illinois. The monument is a large, dark stone structure with the words "ALMA MATER" and a dedication inscribed on it. In the foreground, there is a well-maintained flower bed with red and purple flowers. The background is filled with lush green trees.

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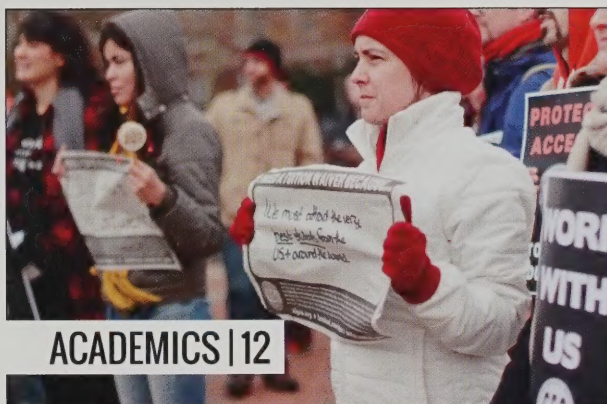




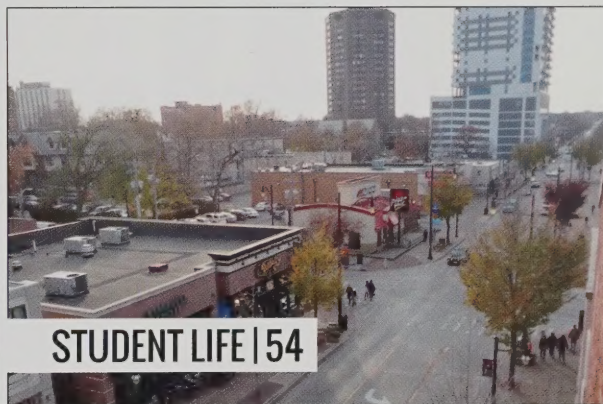
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# Progress.

Change is unavoidable, and it goes unsaid that our campus is constantly progressing. The people are changing. The landscape is changing. Our reputation is changing.

We are growing. You can tell just by looking at where we have been and where we are now. Every member of the campus community is invested in its future. We all recognize the university's strengths and capabilities, and so with each change we strive to uncover the potential we know exists.

We want more for our university. So now we strive to be greater. We set the bar higher. We are changing for the better.

We are renovating old buildings. We are adding new ones. We are welcoming new administrators, professors, and coaches, and we are bidding farewell to those who are leaving.

We are achieving. We have become more selective and competitive. We are creating, innovating and inventing beyond the level of any other university.

And it all begins with the art of change.







Photo by: Brianne Lenz









The Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus hosted the Barnum Bash at Assembly Hall October 19-21.  
Photo by Jessica Stogd









Men's basketball coach John Groce  
Photo by: Jasmine Vargas









The historic Pine Lounge in the Illini Union is used for everything from Board of Trustee to Illinois Student Senate meetings. When not in use formally it is a great study spot for students.

Photo by: Bria Purdiman





# Academics

Number of students: 42,883  
Number of Colleges: 17  
Number of Main Campus buildings: 320  
Number of majors: 150+  
Number of Academic Buildings: 320  
Unique courses offered each year: About 4,000







Photo by: Rochelle Wilson



# College of Business

Billy Tabrizi uses his degree to prepare for the real business world.

STORY | LUCY BRACE  
PHOTO | ROSERRY YU  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

Billy Tabrizi is a senior and an accounting major in the College of Business. He was recommended by advisors in his college for his outstanding performance in his major. After graduation, Billy will be working in management consulting at PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

Illio: How has the College of Business helped prepare you for life after graduation?

Billy Tabrizi: Obviously the accounting classes have helped to understand something technical in business. There are a ton of opportunities to meet with different recruiters and see a bunch of different companies. I've kind of gotten to figure out types of environments that I like and what environments I don't like as much, and also get to know a lot of different companies, so that's been great. And obviously presentation skills, writing skills, networking – tons of different networking types of events – and internal organizations too so that's been really helpful to me.

I'm a Business 101 section leader, so I teach freshmen professional responsibility and ethics. I also was president

of the Business Council last year. That's the group that does social, professional and service activities. They do a lot with the college as far as helping at career fairs, greeting companies when they come down, different things like that.

Illio: What is your favorite class you've taken?

Tabrizi: Probably a negotiations class, it was freshman year so it was awhile ago, but it just basically changed the way I think. Negotiation you think is something you have to prove yourself to win, but they really said it was all about the other side and how to listen to their interests. It was really interesting and changed my perspective.

Illio: What advice would you give to a prospective business student or even a freshman or sophomore?

Tabrizi: Meet a ton of different people and get involved right away. Everybody has a really cool story, so just try to hear their story and get involved and find something you're really passionate about.





**Business Facts**

Founded: 1915

17 programs

Dean: Larry DeBrock

Main Building: Business Instructional Facility (BIF)



# College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Julie Carson is passionate about her major and how it can change the community we live in.

STORY | STEPHANIE KIM  
PHOTO | JASMINE VARGAS  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

Julie Carson, a senior in geography, entered UIUC as a transfer student her sophomore year and has made an impact on faculty and students of her department ever since. Her excellence in her coursework and contribution to her department has made her the recipient for the Outstanding Student for the college of LAS.

Prior to her attendance at UIUC, Julie gained inspiration to major in geography from her professor at the Elgin Community College.

"I was really confused when I was back in my community college and I had a professor who would spend a lot of time after class talking to me about geography. [It] took time to find out what I was interested in and she felt that it aligned with geography. The topics we talked about in class like water issues and climate change and how it affects people felt right," said Carson.

With a newfound passion for geography, Julie transferred to UIUC on account of her father's enthusiasm for the university-- one she would eventually have herself.

"When I came for my visit, I just felt very at home in my department and it felt like a good college. I like how socially active and aware this college is. I feel like there is just so much to get involved in. It's such a diverse group of people, that if you want to go out and meet a certain group of people, you can find them," said Carson.

Ever since her transfer, Julie has been active and involved, making noteworthy contributions to the community through various venues.

"Julie has been a major driving force behind our new student organization, the Geographic Information Systems Group as the group president. She helped to organize the internationally-recognized CyberGIS conference on our campus this summer and works as the assistant in our departmental office and the CyberInfrastructure and Geospatial Information Laboratory," said Julie Cidell, an associate professor in the department of Geography.

However, Julie's excellence is not only limited to her coursework and contribution to her department. She is also active in promoting social change in the community and world. Julie is involved in a student-run organization, Calling All Crows, which uses music as a platform to promote human rights and social issues. In addition, she is part of a club called Global Partners that builds relationships with international students by forming conversation groups. She will even join the Peace Corps after graduation next year in September, where she will be teaching environmental education in sub-Saharan Africa.

"She is exactly the kind of well-rounded individual who contributes far more to her major and her university than simply being a good student," said Cidell.

Cidell's praise is a reflection of the philosophy that Julie believes in.

"I think it's important to not just sit back in your classes and just be there. But to do something and get involved and make a little change in the college community. This is what I try to do," said Carson.





#### **LAS Facts**

Founded: 1946

50+ programs

Dean: Ruth V. Watkins

Main Building: Lincoln Hall



# College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

Adam Tallcott was inspired to pursue a degree in ACES based on his strong family history.

STORY | ALYSSA ULLRICH  
PHOTO |  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

The college of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences is one of the many nationally recognized programs on the university's campus. With students like Adam Tallcott on its roster, the college of ACES will certainly continue to play a pivotal role in national and international research programs in biological, physical, social and economic sciences.

"I have always been a person that wants to do everything to the best of my ability," said Tallcott, a senior agricultural and consumer economics major.

Tallcott comes from a long line of farmers from Mendon, Illinois. Tallcott said that since the time "he was big enough to sit on a tractor," he knew he wanted to pursue a career in agriculture and that he wanted to pursue that career at the University of Illinois.

"Agriculture is in my blood," Tallcott said. "I knew that the college of ACES was very well respected within the agricultural community, and I felt that I would be most prepared to make an impact in the agricultural

field if I was to get my education from this college."

Graduating a semester early in December 2012, Tallcott will leave campus having earned multiple academic accomplishments, including being chosen as both a Jonathan Baldwin Turner Scholar and James Scholar, being a member of Phi Eta Sigma Honors Society, and earning a spot on the Dean's List every semester. Jason Emmert, assistant dean in the college of ACES, describes Tallcott as the ideal ACES student.

"Adam is an outstanding individual, with integrity and character that are beyond question," Emmert said. "He epitomizes what we strive for in ACES, well-rounded students who will be the leaders of tomorrow."

Tallcott currently works as a project manager position for Illinois Business Consulting and will begin his career in the marketing representative program at John Deere in January.

"The rest is yet to be determined," Tallcott said.





#### **ACES Facts**

Founded: 1867

11 majors, 39 concentrations

Dean: Robert J. Hauser

Main Building: Mumford Hall





#### Engineering Facts

Founded: 1868

12 departments

Interim Dean: Michael B. Bragg

Main Building: Engineering Hall





# College of Engineering

Jill McClary achieved success in engineering and uses her knowledge to mentors others.

**STORY | SIDNEY McCOMBS**  
**PHOTO | ROSERRY YU**  
**DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN**

Hinsdale native Jill McClary, a senior in civil and environmental engineering, has attained considerable accomplishments in her four years at the university, including being chosen as a James Scholar and elected president of the university's chapter of Engineers Without Borders.

Though McClary's primary concentration is environmental engineering, she also has two minors: chemistry and international engineering in Latin American and Caribbean studies. McClary is also a member of both the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honors Society and Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Honor Society.

McClary said her most memorable engineering experience was traveling to Kenya with her CEE 449 class. She organized a nine-person team that designed a drinking water treatment system for the people of Bondo, Kenya.

"Getting a global perspective on things has impacted me. After studying abroad and traveling in Kenya, I learned there are distinct cultural implications anywhere you go," McClary said.

Along with her involvement in a variety of engineering organizations, McClary also worked as an engineering learning assistant, where she mentors first-year students, and also served as a campus tour guide for prospective engineering students.

"Just being able to see that and interact with people is very eye opening," McClary said. "When you have those experiences and really immerse yourself in various ways I think it can provide answers as to why people act a certain way."

McClary enjoys being involved in activities outside of the engineering college as well. She served as the fundraising coordinator for university's chapter of "To Write Love On Her Arms," an organization that provides help and support for people struggling with addiction, depression, self-harm and suicide. McClary also said she enjoys attending hockey games and described herself as a "big fan."



# College of Fine and Applied Arts

Emelyn Baker embodies a hybrid student through combining her passions.

STORY | RACHEL BUCCIERI  
PHOTO | ROSERRY YU  
DESIGN | COURTNEY PODGORSKI

Emelyn Baker should be the definition of a hybrid. She even said so herself. She is someone who has it all figured out- literally. She has managed to combine several different talents and interests into one true passion, and she has done that through her major in Fine and Applied Arts.

Community. Creativity. Cultivation. The College of Fine and Applied Arts, though it may sound cliché, is a place where students truly live out their dreams. It is a place where one goes to pursue his/her passion in the power of creation. A place where one goes to intermingle with other right-brained artsy folk and bounce ideas off of one another to achieve greatness. Emelyn Baker, senior in Graphic Design, fits right in. In fact, she doesn't simply just fit the stereotype; she exceeds expectations. She has proven herself as not only a designer to be reckoned with, but also a withstanding citizen and advocate for several different organizations through her art. Emelyn has got it down pat; she has learned how to mix her knack for design with her true passion for culture.

This artist has a small town background with an eye that ventures out far beyond anything she expected. She made the move from Winnebago, Illinois to Champaign, knowing she wanted to delve into the issues of cross-cultural problems- hence her other major in East Asian Languages and Cultures. However, she just kept crawling back to the design element of these issues. This isn't so surprising, considering her father is a photographer and her stepmother a designer. So she decided to double

major, and hopefully acquire a taste of culture and creativity. And that is exactly what she did. Emelyn will be graduating the U of I with several internships and meaningful opportunities under her belt. Whether it's her internship with Personify Inc. doing product design or her work experience with Intel as a visual design intern conducting interviews and branding, she is the total package (no pun intended).

Emelyn plans to pursue positions in the tech industry. She wants to work for a user-centered design firm to solve problems in technology with design methods.

Her advisor had nothing but kind words. "I have little doubt in my mind that Emelyn will make a great impact in the professional design world futuristically. In my opinion, Emelyn is the quintessential University of Illinois student who has truly taken advantage of the university's offerings in a broader sense. She has never been one to shy away from challenge and has kept up with her studies, extracurricular activities, and her professional experiences the entire time she has been a student. She is a true class leader, model student, and a kind and spirited human being," says Alan Mette, professor and executive associate director in the School of Art and Design.

Emelyn has created a great start for her future, and she has built up her repertoire into something truly special. Emelyn is a "jack of all trades." She is a hybrid. She is a true "unspoken hero" in the College of Fine and Applied Arts.





#### FAA Facts

Founded: 1893

7 majors

Dean: Robert Graves

Main Building: Architecture Building



# Institute of Aviation

Shanita Polk takes full advantage of her college and wants to make sure student of the future can too.

STORY | ALYSSA ULLRICH  
PHOTO | ILLIO ARCHIVES  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

Though the Institute of Aviation will be closing its doors in August of 2014, current students like Shanita Polk continue to embrace their college and push to keep it open.

"It's nice to educate people about the field, and hopefully motivate people because a lot of people don't know that this program even exists on campus," said Polk, a senior in aviation human factors. "So, hopefully spreading the word will help save this institute."

The Chicago native said she has always liked planes, and when she was a little girl, she dreamed of becoming a flight attendant. Polk said it was her mother's suggestion of becoming a pilot that lead her where she is today, hoping to become either a flight instructor or a pilot for a charter airline.

Polk chose the University of Illinois for several reasons, including the college's first-class reputation, close proximity to home, and to continue the Illini alumni tradition within her family.

"People that come here graduate and normally

get a good job. You get really good training and everyone is really, really nice," Polk said.

During her time with the Institute of Aviation, Polk has succeeded academically, earning two scholarships: James A. Carl and Passion for Flying. Also, Polk is currently the president for Women of Aviation.

Laura Gerhold, an academic advisor in the college of Aerospace Engineering, spoke highly of Polk's ambition.

"Now even as the institute is being closed, she is still motivated to keep the experience positive for all the students who are finishing their education in aviation," Gerhold said. "Everyone knows Shanita and can count on a huge smile every time they see her."

Polk explained her favorite memory, her first solo flight, as a little scary but rewarding.

"Going to fly by yourself for the first time, once you get it accomplished it's a wonderful feeling," Polk said. "You just did something that most people don't do."





**Aviation Facts**

Founded: 1946

1 major

Director: Tom W. Emanuel, Ph.D

Main Building: Willard Airport



# Coasting

A list of the classes considered to be the 'easiest' on campus and why you should take them.

STORY | LATIFAH AL-HAZZA  
PHOTO | BRIA PURDIMAN  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

When it comes time for registration, you should always allow yourself one easy and fun class to balance out your schedule. To offset the tension of 300 and above level classes and required classes for your major, the University offers hundreds of courses that are easy enough to take a load off of your shoulders. These are just a few of the most popular interesting and easy courses offered on campus:

MUS 273 - Marching Illini  
Credit: 1 hours.

Prepares and performs music of the highest available quality in at least six shows per football season. Completion of each course involves, in addition to the regular schedule of rehearsals, participation in public performances by the band.

PHYS 140 - How Things Work  
Credit: 3 hours.

Nonmathematical approach underscoring the generality and ubiquity of basic physical laws in understanding commonplace phenomena: musical instruments, photography, electric and electronic circuits, television, motors, engines, etc.

KIN 142- Contemporary Issues in Sports  
Credit: 3 hours.

Examines current issues in sport relative to competition, economics, race, sex, youth, educational institutions, deviant behavior, religion, psychology, and the media.

KIN 104- Ice Skating  
Credit: 1 hours.

Skills and knowledge essential for leisure-time activities which are classified as skating activities.

CHLH 243- Drug Use and Abuse  
Credit: 2 hours.

Introduction to the biological, psychological, pharmacological, and legal aspects of drug use and abuse; surveys community and university resources concerned with drug use and abuse; emphasizes personal and social actions for responsible drug use.

ANSC 206- Horse Management  
Credit: 3 hours.

Focus on the principles of managing horses from birth through breeding; topics include reproductive physiology, breeding management, nutrition, diseases, parasites, herd health programs, genetics, facility design and exercise physiology.

GE 361- Emotional Intelligence Skills  
Credit: 3 hours.

Focus on the principles of managing horses from birth through breeding; topics include reproductive physiology, breeding management, nutrition, diseases, parasites, herd health programs, genetics, facility design and exercise physiology.

ASTR 330- Extraterrestrial Life  
Credit: 3 hours.

Scientific discussion of the search for extraterrestrial life. Topics include: cosmic evolution, terrestrial evolution, high technology searches for extraterrestrial life in the solar system, and beyond the solar system.

HORT 106- Home Horticulture  
Credit: 3 hours.

Fundamentals of home gardening and the effective use of ornamentals as a part of the home environment. Subjects include the selection, culture, and use of garden annuals, biennials, perennials, bulbs, and house plants; garden tools and equipment; soil preparation; plant propagation; principles of design and planting methods; garden maintenance; use of fertilizers; pest control; training and pruning; lawn care; hybridizing; growing structures; and care of cut flowers.

HORT 107- Introduction to Floral Design  
Credit: 2 hours.

Introduces the art of arranging flowers, foliage, and accessories according to the principles of design.

MUS 262/263- Men/Women's Glee Club  
Credit: 1 hours.

Practical experience in the rehearsal and public performance of choral music of various periods and styles.









#### Law School Facts

Founded: 1897

3 programs

Dean: Bruce P. Smith

Main Building: College of Law



# College of Law

Erin Solomon is a star student in the College of Law and shows true loyalty to all the university has to offer.

**STORY | CHRISTINE NICHOLSON**  
**PHOTO | ROSERRY YU**  
**DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN**

After 16 years of school in the Champaign-Urbana community Erin Solomon decided to continue her schooling as a student at the University of Illinois College of Law. Solomon a second year law student, completed her undergraduate degree in political science from Illinois in 2010 where she was an involved student leader. Her history of involvement continued into law school where she is involved with the campus community, and has held several legal internships.

The college of law has seen many changes over the years, one of which being the discontinuation of the iLeap program after one more class. Solomon is currently a member of the program.

"I was confident that I wanted to go to law school, but the iLeap Program helped me make up my mind to stay at Illinois where I had done my undergraduate studies," Solomon said.

Amongst many other choices for law school, Solomon has a tough decision to make, however, there were many unique factors to Illinois that contributed to her decision.

"Growing up in Urbana-Champaign and

attending college here, I have always had positive feelings about the University of Illinois," Solomon said. "It is an environment that emphasizes scholarship, but is also warm and welcoming. The students and professors are fantastic and the College of Law has a solid reputation and provides access to the Chicago legal market."

Outside of her studies, Solomon most recently interned for Judge Martin L.C. Feldman of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana and for the Orleans Parish District Attorney. She also volunteered her time during winter break for a legal aid service in the domestic violence unit.

"I grew personally and professionally from these endeavors and they greatly enhanced my classroom learning experience," Solomon said.

Solomon has a bright future ahead of her, much of it attributed to her great experiences as both an undergraduate and juris doctorate candidate at the University of Illinois. She plans to use the skills she has learned and developed in school in order to have a successful career assisting her future clients.





#### AHS Facts

Founded: 1895

5 programs, 11 concentrations

Dean: Tanya M. Gallagher

Main Building: Huff Hall



# College of Applied Health Sciences

Blaire Sambdman embodies her major through participating in physical challenges across campus.

STORY | AMANDA ADREANI  
PHOTO | ASHLEY PAULUS  
DESIGN | COURTNEY PODGORSKI

Blaire Sambdman, a junior in Applied Health Sciences, has always wanted to help people. She began her college career in ACES with law school in mind. Her father passed away from cancer during her freshman year. She admired her father and he taught her that "hard work brings good luck." She said, "he encouraged a desire in me to inspire other people to better themselves." Sambdman decided to follow this passion and became a Community Health major her sophomore year.

Sambdman says, "I live, breathe, and love the College of AHS." The college fosters an "inclusive environment," and she said, "I love seeing friendly, familiar faces in each of my classes and learning with like-minded folks." There are many ways for students to be involved and she said, "there is a place for everyone within AHS."

She has joined various organizations that correlate with her studies. As the Communications Chair of AHS Student Council, she manages the newsletter, website and flyers. She has served on the Philanthropy committee for the Future Health Care Executives organization, which provides networking opportunities for Community Health students. Her campus-wide involvements include being a FYCARE facilitator, a tutor

at Irwin Academic Center, a volunteer for the local rape crisis hotline, and a personal assistant at Beckwith Hall. These experiences are preparing her for a career in terms of time management, teamwork and "diversity, which she says is beneficial in any career setting," she said.

Sambdman also enjoys boating, reading and personal fitness. Some of her favorite UIUC memories involve physical challenges. During the finals week of her freshman year, she went skydiving with her roommate. She completed the Tri-the-Illini triathlon her sophomore year and she ran the Underwear Mile for the Illini 4000 with a friend in her junior year. She believes that her "enthusiasm for health and fitness," additionally connects to her interest in health care.

After graduation, she plans to attend grad school at UIUC and eventually establish a career "as an employee wellness professional or in the insurance sector." Her ideal job "offers leadership opportunities and room to grow." Sambdman said her time on campus teaches her "the importance of giving your time toward something you love and surrounding yourself with people who will encourage your growth and learning."





#### **Education Facts**

Founded: 1905

3 main degree programs

Dean: Mary Kalantzis

Main Building: Education



# College of Education

Emily North uses her teaching skills to give back.

**STORY | AMANDA ADREANI**  
**PHOTO | BRIANNE LENZ**  
**DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN**

Emily North, a senior and Elementary Education major, always knew that she wanted to teach. She began at the University as a math major in LAS. Students must apply to get into the College of Education for their junior year. North was admitted and has been enjoying her time in the college ever since.

North chose to join the Student Education Association. This group provides volunteer opportunities for education majors. It also hosts speakers who share teaching techniques and tips for the job market. While she hopes to obtain a teaching job right after graduation, she has the back up plans of becoming a reading specialist or being a teaching aide. "Hopefully I will finally be in a classroom," she said.

Education majors are mixed in their classes for their junior year. They are placed into one of six cohorts based on specific majors for their senior year. North's cohort has 26 people and they have classes together three days a week. She said, "Not only do we get to know each other really well for later on in life but we get to know more about different teaching styles and different

techniques."

She appreciates the community of students within the college. She said, "I feel like we are all willing to turn to each other and give suggestions." She has enjoyed, "spending all this time with these people who want to do the same thing in life."

For two semesters, education majors have weekly two-day takeovers in a local classroom. For her final semester, North will be student teaching a class of second graders in the Chicago suburbs. The schools she has taught in have provided beneficial experience. The college places majors "with lots of different students with a lot of different needs so you really get practice with learning more," she said.

North is looking forward to the future. She said, "Having a career that's not very monotonous will keep me wanting to be in the classroom. Everyday is so different." North knows that she has chosen the right career path. She said, "I think it's something I'll be doing for the rest of my life."



# Division of General Studies

James Tandaric used his time in DGS to define his path at Illinois.

STORY | KIMMY HUGHES  
PHOTO | ALLISON GERNS  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

James Tandaric, a sophomore in the Division of General Studies, can be described as an unsung hero, a leader and a president.

His college recently introduced the Division of General Studies Council. When applications went out for board members, Tandaric went straight for the highest position.

Tandaric is the President of Division of General Studies Council where he takes on many responsibilities for his college's student body.

"The Council helps all undecided students consider different majors with causal events and speakers," said Tandaric. "As president, I help coordinate all the meetings and the events for the students."

While taking on the major role of president, Tandaric has nothing but good things to say about being undecided in college.

"DGS has helped me a lot in becoming independent and exploring different majors. It forced me to become more active on campus and to look for what majors I wanted to do. I wasn't bound by any major restrictions."

Being involved is indeed expressed by Tandaric's actions. He has the passion to take on even more leadership roles.

"The term I like is being a game-changer. I want to be one of the people who help make the big decisions on campus," said Tandaric.

With his volunteer efforts through the Leadership Center, Tandaric can be seen as an unsung hero with all his hard work and passion for other students.

"I facilitate one of the programs called Intersect where I lead a group of 10 to 12 students through team building. I really like it because I get to see the people in my group grow and help each other. It's something I really enjoy."

As his time in the Division of General Studies will soon come to an end, Tandaric will be declaring his major in economics with a minor in leadership. Though he has finally made the decision on his future career path, he left some advice for future DGS students.

"I suggest all students just become more open to other majors on campus so they will have a much better experience on campus."





**DGS Facts**

Founded: 1940

1 program

Executive Director: Keith Marshall

Main Building: Illini Union Bookstore Building



# Graduate College

Christine Herman balances her rigorous courses and a growing family.

STORY | ALYSSA ULLRICH  
PHOTO | ILLIO ARCHIVES  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

The life of a graduate student—or any student for that matter—is a hectic one to say the least, combining academics, personal lives and work all into one busy schedule; now imagine adding a pregnancy. For Christine Herman, a graduate student of journalism, she is not only a first time mom-to-be but also a first time journalism student.

"I've always loved science," Herman said. "As I was learning more about my own interests, I found out that I love science—science on paper, not in practice."

Herman earned her Bachelor of Chemistry and Science from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2007, started her master's program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the fall of 2007, and earned her doctorate in chemistry in the 2012.

"I randomly met someone who was a medical writer. She had worked in science for over 20 years and she had just started a freelance medical writing business," Herman said. "I thought to myself, that sounds really interesting!"

In the pursuit of a career in science journalism, Herman combined her knowledge and research about chemistry with her journalism skills she gained through working with The Daily Illini. Herman started her journalism graduate program in August 2012.

Herman describes the difference between the two subjects "like night and day," and surprisingly said that being pregnant during school is not that different.

"My morning sickness ended in August," Herman said. "Once I started journalism school, I wasn't feeling sick anymore. I get hungry all the time, so I always make sure I have snacks."

Though Herman may not always move fast as her peers, Herman has continued to work hard throughout her pregnancy, and while her and her baby's health is top priority, school remains a very close second.

Herman had her baby boy, Timothy, on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2012.





**Graduate College Facts**

Founded: 1892

104 programs

Dean: Debba Duta

Main Building: Coble Hall



# Ditching Class

Students explain their lack of class attendance

STORY | LATIFAH AL-HAZZA  
PHOTO | BRIA PURDIMAN  
DESIGN | ABBY BATIS

Have you ever had that one class that you just seem to never be motivated to go to? You're not alone. U of I students across the colleges find that classes that can be self-taught are pointless to attend, but classes that have participation points give students a reason to drag themselves out of bed.

"I end up not paying attention anyways because my computer is always out. Might as well use that time to do something useful!" -Maggie Huyng, Junior in the College of Media

"I go because I feel bad wasting my parents' money if I don't go. Also, hearing everything from the professor and TA helps me learn better than just reading the book. I don't go when I'm sick, have another midterm to study for, or know we aren't learning anything that I can't miss and make up in other ways." -Zach Youman, Senior in the College of Business

"I mostly miss class because I was drinking the night before and wanted to sleep in. Another reason would be the teacher is boring and the slides are posted online anyway so there's no point sometimes. I go to class when the material on the tests is only presented in class." -John McElligott, Senior in the College of Business

"I go to class because I promised myself I would this year. Plus it makes me feel like I had a more productive day when I go to all of my classes." -Ethan Tabakin, Senior in the College of FAA

"Some teachers just read exactly what's on the slide, so it's pointless to go. Some teachers actually show videos or demos in class and elaborate in their slides so then I will go. I will also go to class if I like the professor or I am actually interested in the material. I hate going to MCB classes but I love going to my psych classes." -Melissa Wiener, Senior in The College of LAS

"I don't go to classes when I'm too tired in the morning to get up, especially if the professor just reads exactly off

the slides...I can do that myself. If there's no iclickers or attendance points, I will most likely not go." -Maricruz Diaz, Junior in the College of AHS

"I go to class because I feel really bad if I don't, like I'm wasting my time. But if I don't go it's usually because I'm sleeping due to being hungover." -Nikitas Papageorgiu, Junior in the College of Engineering

"Why I go to class: In class participation points, need to turn something in, I like the class, I have friends in the class, it's the right thing to do. Why I don't go to class: bad weather, too sleepy, I have a big exam or project in another class." -Fei Ye, Senior in the College of Business

"If lecture notes are posted online, I'm less likely to go to class. But if I know the professor says things in lecture that I won't know without attending, I make sure to go to that class." -Teagan Vence, Junior in the College of LAS

"If I feel like I'm not gaining anything from the lecture that I can't gain from the lecture slides that are uploaded on to the Internet, then I don't go. But if the material is more difficult, or attendance is taken, I go." -Emily Waldron, Junior in the College Of Media

"I usually go because I pick classes that I would want to go to and because all of the info I need is only given in class. All of my professors are so cool and interesting. But sometimes, well a lot of the time, my bed and sleep are more appealing!" -Liz Koh, Junior in the College of Media

"I only skip class if I need to finish some schoolwork. We have exceptional instructors in my department so I try not to waste that resource." -Adam Troc, Junior in the College of Engineering

"I don't go to some of my classes because I'm either hungover or don't find them worth my while. Sometimes I feel like I could be doing much more important things with my time than being in class. I do go to some of my classes because they have participation points." -Jasmine Wright, Junior in the College of Media





Top | When the weather is nice, some students have little motivation to attend class. Some students ditch class to hang out on the quad.  
Left | Students don't always ditch class just to have fun. Some students claim to ditch class to study for other tests.



# School of Labor & Employment Relations

Nastassja Rinderle keeps the family legacy alive.

STORY | AMANDA ADREANI  
PHOTO | ALLISON GERNIS  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

As an undergrad in Southern California, Nastassja Rinderle studied business management. She realized she wanted to focus on Human Resources and chose to attend one of the top Masters programs: the School of Labor and Employment Relations this university. LER professionally benefits its student by being an 18 month program, rather than a two year program. She said they gain a "competitive edge, because we're entering the job market 6 months earlier." She is graduating this December.

Rinderle is currently the co-president of the Multicultural Student Association within LER. The purpose of the organization is to connect the diverse group of people in the program. She has enjoyed her time with her fellow students and she said, "we were immediately family."

Her mother studied at this same program as a re-entry student while Nastassja was in elementary school. She said, "there's a few professors that I have that she actually had. It feels good to actually keep that legacy going." By observing her single mom develop a successful career, the "value of hard work and the importance of higher education was always instilled in me," Rinderle said.

Over the summer, Rinderle interned with Amcol International, a growing company involved with innovative use of minerals. In January, she will join the company full-time as a Human Resources analyst. The internship provided learning opportunities and "they gave us the freedom to own our own projects," she said. The company suits her personality and she sees it as a viable career path. "It's the perfect place for me," she said.

Rinderle enjoys visiting museums, art and traveling. Outside of the continental U.S., she has visited Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, Mexico, France and Japan. She said, "Hopefully with this career I'll get a lot of global exposure, which it's already looking to be that way."

With aspirations of helping small companies develop globally, she is excited for the future. "I want to continue to grow my career and to experience a multitude of different situations. I want those challenging tasks that will help me grow," she said. As graduation draws near, Rinderle is ready to utilize the knowledge she has gained through LER. She said, "I've had a lot of good experiences here but I'm ready to start my career and the next phase of my life."







#### **LER Facts**

Founded: 1946

2 programs

Interim Dean: Joe Martocchio

Main Building: School of Labor and Employment Relations



# College of Media

Scott Martin wants to make a lasting impact beyond his years at Illinois.

STORY | ASHLEY KAHN  
PHOTO | BRIA PURDIMAN  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

With various colleges within the University of Illinois, students have many different career path options. However, the College of Media is unlike most of the other colleges because of the smaller class sizes. For senior Scott Martin, besides having one of the best journalism programs in the country, the intimate feeling of the program drew him to come here from New Jersey for his Bachelor of Science in Broadcast Journalism.

"What stood out about Illinois is that I wanted a large school," Martin said. "But with the College of Media, it [also] shrinks the campus down [to] a small scale."

Within the College of Media, students can choose from various majors including Agricultural Communications, Broadcast Journalism, Media and Cinema Studies, Advertising, and News-Editorial Journalism. But for Martin, with his experiences as a radio and broadcast manager while in high school, it was not difficult for him to decide exactly what to do.

And with various internships, some which he started right when he arrived on campus, he had experience to assure he was doing what he loved. When it comes to Martin's various summer internships, he tends to begin a few days after the school year ends all the way up to even the last day of summer break.

"I want to be the first one in and last one out," Martin said. "I want to make a lasting impact. That's my philosophy."

One internship that Martin particularly enjoyed

was through the United States Olympic Committee in Colorado Springs, CO in 2011. He interviewed Olympic athletes like Michael Phelps and Lindsey Vonn, as well as trained, ate, and lived with them on the complex. Experiences like these were important for Martin because they provided ways to make him a better student.

"All these jobs have given me skills for later classes," Martin said.

Martin's experiences have made him excel past other students in his courses. For instance, while some students had never touched a camera prior to some courses, Martin already had prior experience from his various internships.

"From a production standpoint, I've always been ahead from most students," Martin said.

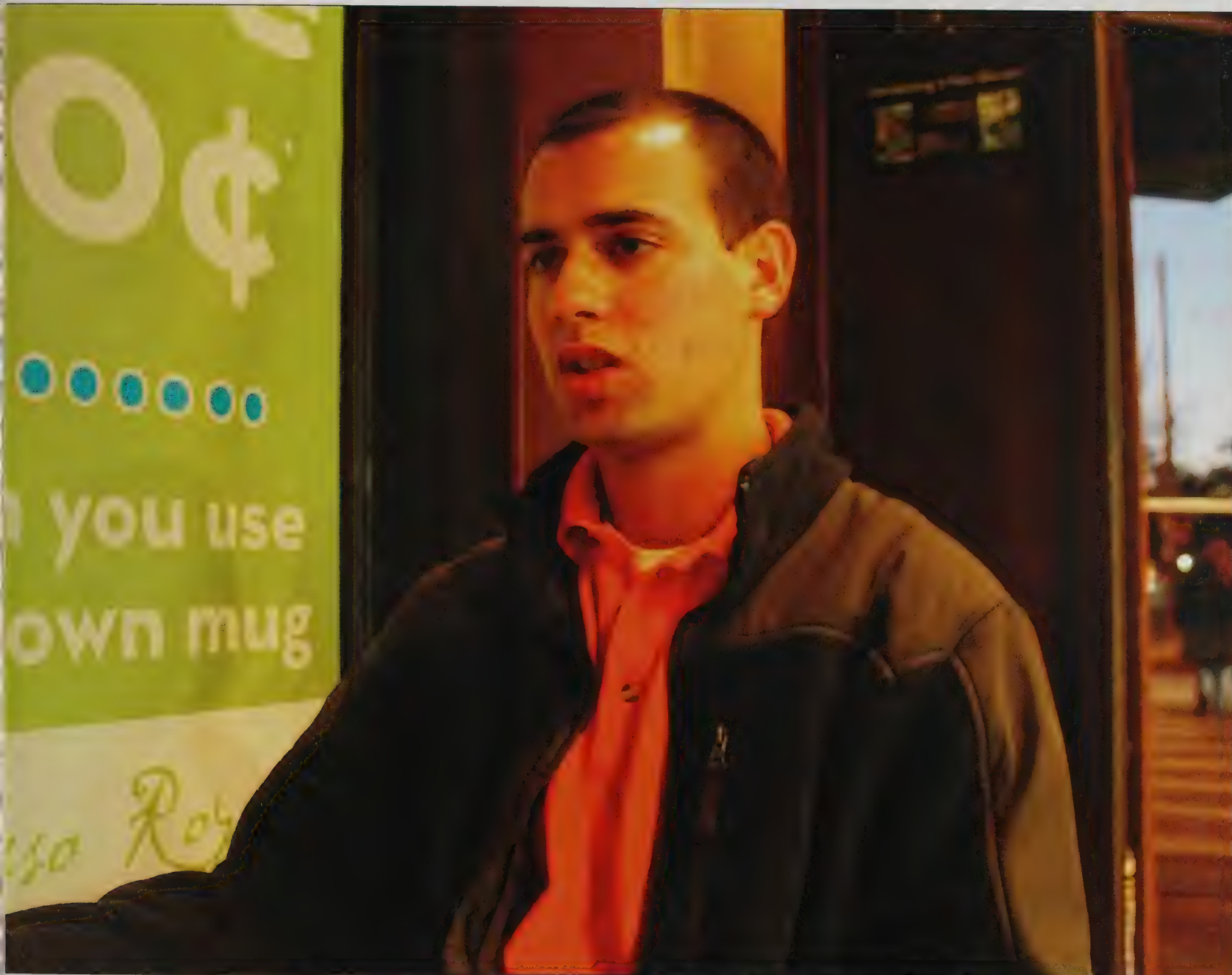
But besides the various internships available for students in the College of Media, many professors are the source behind the students' success. There is not one professor that Martin would not recommend.

"The professors go up and above to make sure you do your best work," Martin said, "They want you to succeed and know how to help."

No matter how big or small of a role Martin has played within his various experiences, he knows that every second mattered.

"Everywhere I've gone, I've made an impact," Martin said.



**Media Facts**

Founded: 1963

7 programs

Interim Dean: Dr. Jan Slater

Main Building: Gregory Hall



# Graduate School of Library and Information Science

Emily Bayci believes information science is the future and plans to use her skills to help the underprivileged.

STORY | ASHLEY KAHN  
PHOTO | ILLIO ARCHIVES  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

When one thinks of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, many think that the program only involves working in a library with only books. In reality, most students in the program will never end up working in a library.

"Library and Information Science has evolved with technology and it is important for librarians to help people access information in all forms," first year graduate student Emily Bayci said. "A lot of the classes have to do with research, programming, and HTML."

Because the University of Illinois is one of the top institutions for this program, students from all over the country are attracted to it. Of the approximately 600 students, about half of them are online, or LEEP students.

"[Many students] live across the country and take all their courses online during live online sessions," Bayci said. "They come to campus one weekend a semester."

With a degree in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, students can follow various

career paths. One goal of Bayci's for after she graduates is to help underprivileged areas, particularly the prison community.

"I think inmates experience a major technological gap when they are in jail and I would love to help them bridge the digital divide," Bayci said.

But being new to the graduate program, she is still taking her time deciding what exactly she wants her career to be.

"I am deciding what type of librarian I want to be, or if I want to be a librarian at all," Bayci said.

However, no matter what these Graduate students decide to do, the skills they gain from the program will only help them.

"I believe that this degree will help me in any field I may pursue because of the technological skills [I] learn," Bayci said. "Information science is the future, and these skills can be applied to any field."





**GSLIS Facts**

Founded: 1893

10 programs

Interim Dean: Allen Renear

Main Building: Graduate School of Library and Information Science





#### **Med School Facts**

Founded: 1971

5 programs

Interim Regional Dean: Uretz J. Oliphant

Main Building: Medical Sciences Building



# College of Medicine

Nathaniel Uchtmann plans to keep giving back.

**STORY | SIDNEY McCOMBS**  
**PHOTO | ROSERRY YU**  
**DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN**

Nathaniel Uchtmann is a student in his last year at The College of Medicine who is extremely dedicated to international health and environmental law. Uchtmann said, "It's important to be thinking about the world our generation leaves to children of the future and to work to make it to a place where they can live fulfilling, healthy lives."

Uchtmann is actively involved in UIUC's chapter of American Medical Student Association, which he is the president of. He joined U of I's Medical Scholars Program in 2005. Nora Few, Executive Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Medical Scholars Program said, "When Nathan applied for the Medical Scholars Program we were impressed with his strong commitment to international health and justice. For many students this type of idealism and dedication fades with time. In Nathan's case, his commitment has become deeper and at the same time more pragmatic."

He earned a law degree from The University of Illinois in May 2008. To broaden his experience and to be a more effective advocate for human rights and the environment, Uchtmann added another graduate degree, a Master of Science in Natural Resources and

Environmental Science, in May 2011. In February 2012, he was sworn in to the New York State Bar Association.

Uchtmann was raised in the rural southern Illinois town of Sparta, where he and his family lived on a grain farm. In 2003, he graduated from Southern Illinois University Carbondale magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biological Science. Uchtmann then spent a year in Kenya from 2003-2004 where he worked as a volunteer at Kikuyu Hospital and as a teacher in several local schools. He is now married to a Kenyan nurse, Nightingale. The two have a son, Fadhili.

After receiving his MD in 2013, Uchtmann hopes to complete residency training in a combined internal medicine and pediatrics program. His aim is then to practice as a physician in low-resource settings in both the U.S. and abroad, for five to ten years.

Few said, "Nathan's maturity, honesty, and responsibility are impeccable. He is both well spoken and well written, and has been a leader in a number of organizations. With his education, talent, personal qualities, commitment and high ethical standards, Nathan is someone who will make a difference in the world."



# School of Social Work

Marie Kiser likes the small, close-knit feel of her area of study.

STORY | SIDNEY MCCOMBS  
PHOTO | ALLISON GERNs  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

Senior Marie Kiser didn't always want to pursue a degree in social work. This changed during the latter half of her sophomore year, when she found her niche in the University's School of Social Work and she succeeded abundantly.

The school itself is what has made her experience so memorable.

"The best thing about the school is that there are only 20 to 30 students in each class. It was so easy to make connections with teachers," Kiser said. "They are excited that you're there, I'm serious. The school is basically a community in itself."

As a freshman, Kiser began participating in Volunteer Illini Projects and became a member of Best Buddies International, an organization that promotes friendship between college students and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Sherrie Faulkner, director of the Bachelor of Social Work Field Education program, said Kiser's passion for others will allow her to change the lives of many people.

"Marie is an unsung hero because all of her impact happens behind the scenes," Faulkner said. "She is amazingly nonjudgmental and accepting. She possesses a maturity that is well beyond her years."

In addition to her dedication to the School of Social Work, Kiser has been involved in various other

roles during her time on campus. Kiser has served as trip facilitator on Alternative Spring Break, a residential instructor at the Developmental Services Center, a medical assistant at Carle Clinic, and a volunteer as a first grade classroom assistant.

Typically, the social work program is completed in four semesters, but Kiser will finish in three semesters and also graduate one year early. Jackie Kiem, junior in the School of Social Work said when she first met Kiser, she thought Kiser was at least two years older than herself.

"She is so mature and always at the top of her game. I felt like I knew her after having one conversation with her," Kiem said. "She's so genuine and funny, I just can't say enough good things about her."

After graduation, Kiser wants to enlist in Teach for America, an organization that provides quality education for children growing up in poverty. Kiser's other ambitions include earning both her masters degree and a PhD. Kiser eventually hopes to return to the Champaign-Urbana area to teach.

"Teachers are very inspiring...being a professor is my dream job," Kiser said. "I just want to affect people the way my teachers have affected me."





#### **Social Work Facts**

Founded: 2010

3 programs

Dean: Wynne Korr

Main Building: School of Social Work



# College of Veterinary Medicine

Amanda Coppock succeeds through organization and time-management.

STORY | LATIFAH AL-HAZZA  
PHOTO | BRIA PURDIMAN  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

Hometown: North Canton, Ohio

Year in vet school: Third year

What made you go to vet school?

"I have always enjoyed my science classes. As I grew older it became clear that I wanted a career that allowed me to think critically, work closely with people, and make a positive impact. Not surprisingly, I love animals! Vet med is really the only place I could ever see myself."

What's the hardest part about vet school?

"The classes, time management, and staying focused! The curriculum is really intense. Getting behind can put you at a disadvantage for the entire semester. Learning the medical physiology and pathology of the entire animal kingdom in 4 years is no simple task."

What's your favorite animal to work with/on?

"I love birds! I plan to continue my training in avian and exotic medicine after graduation."

Describe yourself in three words?

"Determined, curious, grounded"

If you could give soon-to-be vet students advice, what would it be?

"Stay focused and stay organized! Never stop asking questions! Seek out as many veterinary mentors as you can find—you'll learn something different from each of them. Take time every day to remind yourself that you are going to have the greatest job in the world. It will all be worth it."

What's a typical day of a vet student like?

- 7 a.m.: treatments in the Wildlife Medical Clinic
- 8 a.m.-12 p.m.: Lectures
- 12 p.m.: Lunch Lecture (Free food!)
- 12- 4p.m.: Lectures or Lab
- 4-6p.m.: Dinner, work out, take care of pets
- 6-10 p.m.: STUDY



# VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY



## Vet Med Facts

Founded: 1940

1 program

Executive Director: Keith Marshall

Main Building: College of Veterinary Medicine



# Hot for Teacher

Illinois students dish about their most attractive teachers.

STORY | CHRISTINE NICHOLSON  
PHOTO | ROSERRY YU  
DESIGN | NICOLE KOOB

It is the third week of the semester and going to class at 8:00 A.M. is becoming more and more difficult. The only reason to put on jeans instead of sweats and brush your hair is your super attractive professor. No matter the motivation you still made it to class, and maybe you will even work harder to impress them.

What makes your teacher the hottest on campus? "Vasquez is the hottest professor I have ever had. Where to begin; he is a snazzy dresser, with really nice leather shoes, he always keeps one button open, his spanish accent, and his nice style haired. He made econ fun because he involved relevant examples involving parties and beer." Alex Vickers, Senior, Business.

"Ellen Fireman, the way she dress is very scandalous, she has the flow. She even asks questions very seductively." Adam Niemann, Junior, LAS

When you need to know if that class you just signed up for has an easy professor, or if they are going to make your life miserable the place to go is RateMyProfessor.com. A lucky few will not only find out their professor is easy, but that they are extremely attractive. Here is what some of the reviews had to say:

Eric Snodgrass: "He is what all professors should

be. Really down to earth and funny. He is so nice and good to look at."

James Doub: "199 is such a great class, no really work except discussions and like 2 quizzes on Compass. Show up and get an A, too easy! And he's good looking and funny!"

## Hottest Professors on Campus

Students on campus were asked to name their most attractive professors, and this is the list they came up with:

Cris Hughes, Anthropology  
Clarissa Gentzler, Grant-in-Aid Specialist  
Eric Snodgrass, Atmospheric Science  
Kevin Jackson, Accounting  
Ryan Gower, Recreation Sports and Tourism  
Ellen Fireman, Statistics  
Ian Davis, History of Journalism  
Tim Bauer, Audit  
Jose Vasquez-Cognet, Economics  
Pamela Saunders, English  
James Doub, Accounting  
Andy Bauer, Tax

Right | Students learn to be amateur meteorologists in Professor Eric Snodgrass's Atmospheric Sciences courses. Beyond the funny videos Snodgrass plays in class, many students love his class because of how attractive he is.





Below | Professor Ellen Fireman of the Mathematics department teaches her post popular course, Statistics 100. Students prefer her course because of the low level of difficulty, and it does not hurt that many students find her attractive.







# Student Life

Number of University Residence Halls: 23  
Number of Private Certified Housing Facilities: 15  
Number of on-campus Espresso Royales: 6  
Number of on-campus bars: 11  
Number of Cultural Centers: 4









# Lighting Up London

Current students and alumni represent Illinois at the Olympic and Paralympic games in London.

STORY | LUCY BRACE  
PHOTO | ALASTAIR GRANT  
DESIGN | COURTNEY PODGORSKI

The University was well represented in the 2012 Summer Olympics held in London, England. Six former Illini athletes participated in their respective events for their respective home countries.

Of the six, two were medal winners, Gold Medal winner, Deron Williams (United States, Men's Basketball) and Bronze Medal winner, Emily Zurrer (Canada, Women's Soccer).

Also competing, but falling short of medals were: Robert Archibald (Great Britain, Men's Basketball), Nikkita Holder (Canada, Track and Field, 110m hurdles), Gia Lewis-Smallwood (United States, Women's Track and Field, discus), Andrew Riley (Jamaica, Men's Track and Field, 110m hurdles).

**Illio:** What was the best part about representing the US, U of I and your hometown in London?

**McFadden:** "I was running the 100, 400, 800, 1500 and the marathon, and so I was doing five events and that was the most events of any of the track athletes. Just representing where I go to school in Illinois and the country, you know means so much to me. I mean that's why I get up and train every day, it is hard balancing being a full time student and preparing for the games, it is difficult. This was the first time that I won a gold medal ever in the games and it felt so honoring and humbling that the world was watching you. I had 80,000 people in the stands in London every single day, morning and night. To finally get that medal around your neck it was just filled with excitement and chills and 'I finally did it'. It was one of the best experiences I think anyone could ask for.

**Illio:** What was your training schedule like to get ready for London?

**McFadden:** So you know, I was a full time student at Illinois so that's 12 credits; I usually try and set up my schedule where I can train in the morning and then I'll have the rest of the time of my day for classes and studying. It's all about staying focused and really knowing what you want in life. In life, you know, I want to be the best athlete in the world, but I also want to have a college degree, because if I get injured in sports, sports can disappear overnight, but your education can't. To have that college degree forever is really important to me. So I think that's why I do it, and it is hard and stressful but I have a lot of support from the teachers, the advisors, my coach,

my parents and friends. They all understand why I'm doing this and they have been the support all the way. Over the summer I did stay in Illinois and I trained. The training was twice a day usually three times a week so it was really important for me to stay in Illinois.

**Illio:** Why did you choose to come to Illinois?

**McFadden:** Well Illinois has a great academic program and also it's still I think the number one accessible school in America and it also has a great wheelchair adaptment program for us and so we're able to go to this school, participate in sports and it's accessible. All the classrooms are accessible, all the dorms and living houses are accessible so it's very nice and it's a very accommodating school.

**Illio:** Since you're a Paralympian is it any different when you watch the Olympics or are you still as amazed as everyone else is?

**McFadden:** I got to be really excited when the Olympics started right before the Paralympics. You got to watch the competition getting started and it was really exciting, because I know some of those athletes and just to cheer them on on the TV was really exciting. Seeing the huge support from London got me hyped up and excited for the games to start. I wanted to just go out there and train, then come back and watch the games, that's all I did all summer. It definitely got me excited, I was counting down the days. It's not really any different, but it's kinda like a sneak peek of what's going to happen.

**Illio:** Of all your accomplishments, which are you most proud of, or can you even pick just one?

**McFadden:** I definitely am proud of myself on all of my accomplishments. I started competing in the Paralympic games at 15 and it was a huge accomplishment for me to make the team at such a young age and then to win a Silver and Bronze Medal. I also competed in the Beijing Games and won three Silvers and a Bronze. Even now to finally say I'm a Gold Medalist is an even bigger accomplishment, so I'm definitely proud of myself of how far I've come in this sport and how far I've matured in this sport, so it's all coming together and it's really exciting. I think all those accomplishments I'm really proud of myself, but definitely being able to win a Gold medal and representing the United States is amazing.



# Illinois Paralympians

Dylan Alcott	Men's Wheelchair Basketball	AUS	Silver
Grant Mizens	Men's Wheelchair Basketball	AUS	Silver
Birdie Kean	Women's Wheelchair Basketball	AUS	Silver
Shelley Chaplin	Women's Wheelchair Basketball	AUS	Silver
Steve Serio	Men's Wheelchair Basketball	USA	Bronze
Will Waller	Men's Wheelchair Basketball	USA	Bronze
Adam Lancia	Men's Wheelchair Basketball	CAN	Gold
Brandon Wagner	Men's Wheelchair Basketball	CAN	Gold
Patrick Anderson	Men's Wheelchair Basketball	CAN	Gold
Edina Muller	Women's Wheelchair Basketball	GER	Gold
Kari Miller	Sitting Volleyball	USA	Silver
Jessica Galli	Wheelchair Track & Field	USA	Bronze
Joshua George	Wheelchair Track & Field	USA	Bronze
Tony Iniguez	Wheelchair Track & Field	USA	Coach
Ray Martin	Wheelchair Track & Field	USA	Gold

# Illinois Olympians

Deron Williams (2003-2005)	Men's Basketball	USA	Gold
Emily Zurner (2005-2008)	Women's Soccer	CAN	Bronze



Illini junior Tatyana McFadden, right, looks as she competes in a women's 1500-meter T54 category heat at the 2012 Paralympics games in London.



# Obama Reelected

The 2012 Presidential election ended in a close race.

STORY | AMANDA ADREANI  
PHOTO | EMILY OGDEN  
DESIGN | KATIE CHRZANOWSKI

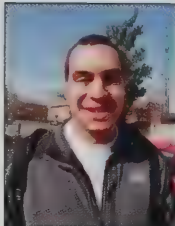
	Obama	Romney
Healthcare	Supports patient protections: allowing coverage for pre-existing conditions, not letting insurers cancel policies when patients fall ill, and requiring individuals to buy health insurance or pay a fine.	Created similar legislation in Massachusetts but believes it is not appropriate for all of U.S. and wants to repeal. Proposes encouraging individuals to purchase their own healthcare insurance rather than via employers, and allowing insurance across state lines.
Gay Rights	Supports same-sex marriage. Pushed Congress to repeal Don't Ask, Don't Tell, allowing gays to serve openly in the military.	Opposes same-sex marriage, but supports legal unions. Supports Don't Ask, Don't Tell, but favors gays serving openly in the military. Supported efforts to ban anti-gay employer discrimination.
Economy	Repeal Bush tax cuts for households earning more than \$250,000. Lower taxes on manufacturing industry. Short-term plan: Stimulus spending and tax cuts to grow the economy. Long term plan: cut spending and raise taxes on wealthy to reduce deficit.	Make Bush tax cuts permanent. Lower corporate tax rate across the board to 25%. Cut taxes and regulations to encourage business. Cut "non-security discretionary (government) spending" by 5% to reduce deficit.
Women's Rights	Pro-choice, disagrees with parental notification, supports Roe vs. Wade. Supports stem cell research. Criticized Supreme Court decision that upheld ban on partial-birth abortions.	Pro-life, opposes Roe vs. Wade. Believes states should be allowed to ban abortions, agrees with parental consent. Opposes stem cell research. 1994: Supported abortion rights but personally opposed, no punishment for women who have partial birth abortions. Change of heart in 2005 when preparing to run for president.
Immigration	Supports path to legalization for illegal immigrants that includes learning English and paying fines. Wants to toughen penalties for hiring illegal immigrants, voted for fence along Mexican border. Issued executive order to not deport certain undocumented immigrants.	Would make English the official language of the US and "turn off the magnets like tuition breaks or other breaks that draw people into this country illegally." In favor of promoting legal immigration.
Environment	Supports a mandatory cap-and-trade system to reduce carbon emissions. Delayed decision on northern leg of Keystone XL pipeline due to environmental concerns.	Opposes cap-and-trade legislation. Supports Keystone XL pipeline. Believes humans contribute to world getting warmer.



The 2012 election process was filled with close Senate, House and local races. This was no different for the presidential election. The differences between the candidates made for a year long political battle between Obama, who ran based on change, and Romney who was looking to change the direction the country was headed in under Obama's leadership. These major differences made for an often polarized campaigning process. The strong opinions of both sides left many students happy the election was over, and ready to move on from all the political debate and work on improving our country as a united community.



"I feel like there's a lot of turmoil on campus. A fight broke out on Facebook between my friends. They were trying to change each other's opinions and now they're mad at each other. The next day, people had unfriendly things to say about Obama and saying that America is going down hill. I feel they both had something to offer our country."  
-Annalise Anderson, Freshman in Business



"I'm really glad it's over. Social media and the news were just blowing up about it. Too many people felt the need to post their political opinions. It's not something I want to deal with."  
-Brian Colon, Senior in LAS







Right | Two members of the drumline get ready to perform during the Homecoming game halftime.

Far Right | During a run through rehearsal for a Saturday game director Barry Houser leads the Marching Illini into formation.





# Marching Madness

The Marching Illini represents Illinois as the nation's premiere band.

STORY | ASHLEY KAHN  
PHOTO | ABIGAIL ROGERS  
DESIGN | KATIE CHRZANOWSKI

The Marching Illini is an important part of every Fighting Illini football game, but many do not know the amount of preparation and the time commitment that goes into each performance.

"This is the most historic band program in the nation," said Barry Houser assistant director of bands. Houser, who joined the Marching Illini in 2011, feels he has his dream job as the director because of the tradition of the band, no matter how hectic the schedule gets at times.

"I get so excited for students (on game day)," Houser said. "I get to work in a place and students perform in a place where the band is adored."

On game day, some students are at the stadium by 7 a.m. for the 11 a.m. kickoff. These are the times that Houser knows the hard work is appreciated when the band comes marching onto the field.

Clara Bush, senior and three-year Marching Illini member, said she also enjoys game day because of the energy from the fans.

"Once we play our first note, the crowd goes wild," Bush said.

For many Marching Illini members, marching band has been more than playing an instrument and performing for others. Bush said she has made some of her closest friends in band, as well as changed as a person.

"As a person, I've grown because I have respect for those in charge and the tradition of the band," Bush said.

Members of the Marching Illini move to campus one week prior to the start of classes to attend the preseason camp. After classes begin, the band practices every week. The Illini begin rehearsal with music sectionals, where they warm-up and tune their instruments. Following warm-ups, the entire band runs the show together, one set at a time.



Above | Two members of the Marching Illini pose with their piccolos on the field at Memorial Stadium on gameday.



Left | A great Marching Illini tradition is the parade march to Memorial Stadium from the band building before home games. Illini fans enjoy the music as they get ready to cheer on the football team to victory.



# Beyond Campus

Students explore all the community has to offer.

STORY | RACHEL BUCCIERI  
PHOTO | BRIA PURDIMAN  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

We all love our enclosed bubble of the University of Illinois campus, but sometimes it's fun to stray away from the norm. How about a trip to downtown Champaign? It is only a few blocks away, and yet some of us have no idea what it has to offer!

Nestled on the small side street Bradley Ave. there is a place that will certainly surprise you. If you want to dance the night away with your pals on the largest dance floor in the area (1200 sq. feet of space!) then Bradley's is the place to venture to. Bradley's is a country lounge that has different deals and themed nights, but Wednesday nights are hoppin'. From 8-9 they have free country-dance lessons followed by line dancing from 9-12.

Casey Ryan, senior in Finance, says, "This place was unreal! I had no idea it even existed, but I had the time of my life there. I will definitely be going again."

This is a truly unique experience, and every student I talked to who made his/her way off campus and found this place was far from disappointed.

Sick of doing homework on a Sunday night and

need a study break? Then perhaps The Blind Pig is the place for you. The Blind Pig is a quaint Irish pub with an abundance of different ales, a comfortable atmosphere, and best of all- Trivia Night. Every Sunday night the Blind Pig offers Trivia Night, where all of your friends can gather around and put your competitiveness to the test. It is a cozy, welcoming environment where you can escape the overwhelming campus that you're used to.

Last but certainly not least- there is a restaurant I have to mention. Perhaps the raunchy dancing at Joe's Brewery isn't cutting it for you. Then make your way to Radio Maria for a night of salsa dancing and great, creative food. This non-chain restaurant has character and good eats. With the combination of amazing tapas and stylish dance moves, Radio Maria is a hot spot in downtown Champaign that won't disappoint.

Who knew these little dives existed just a few miles away from our lovely U of I? So next time you need a change of pace, visit downtown Champaign and see all it has to offer.



Radio Maria is a popular spot for unique food and salsa dancing.



Known for its wide variety of beer, The Blind Pig also has trivia night and offers an alternative to the campus bar scene.





Downtown Champaign is full of character and unique spots to relax.



# Barn Dances

A Hootin', Hollerin' Good Time

STORY | KIMBERLY HUGHES  
PHOTO | ROSERY YU  
DESIGN | KATIE CHRZANOWSKI

Attending a school surrounded by cornfields makes students get down and party like they are from the country in the fall semester. Barn dances are the only party you can attend where it is socially acceptable to put on your cowboy boots and plaid shirts and party in the middle of nowhere. These parties leave students with unforgettable stories and the urge to attend all barn dances offered.

Unlike most parties here at the university, barn dance preparation starts really early in the day. "Pre-gaming for barn dances starts as soon as you get out of class," said Jay Cahill, senior in the College of Business. The night of the barn dance consists of a bus ride around 9:00 p.m. to an abandoned barn that is blaring country music and that has a tractor for hayrides. These activities sound to be of good nature, but the people who attend barn dances have interesting stories to tell.

"I once got third degree burns on my hand when I fell over and put my hand on the rim of a barrel," said Cahill.

Shannon Ciesla, sophomore in the College

of Liberal Arts and Science, said her best barn dance moment was when she got on the wrong bus one night when multiple barn dances were happening. "I didn't know anyone on the bus and I didn't understand why they kept asking what house I was in because I thought I was attending the Polish barn dance," said Ciesla.

Between the hayrides, taking pictures in the hay, and dancing to country music with friends, no barn dance is complete without the appearance of the Chex Mix lady. Loretta Dessen, aka\ the Chex Mix lady, is the owner of two barns where most barn dances occur. While you're warming up around the bonfire at the dance, Dessen carries a large basket full of Chex Mix for all the students to enjoy.

"Her personality is the perfect balance between the sweet and saltiness of the Chex Mix," said Shannon Ciesla.

Eating Chex Mix, dancing in an empty barn playing Taylor Swift songs, and wearing plaid attire has never been a more unforgettable experience to the students of the University of Illinois.



Top | Barns are often decorated with Illini spirit as the main patrons are students.

Right | Cowboy boots and plaid shirts are must have apparel for barn dance season.







Top | It is not uncommon to find hay in your hair for at least a couple days after the event. Rolling around in the hay is on the barn dance bucket list.

Left | Many students chose to bring dates to barn dance.

Above | Many fraternities and sororities choose to rent the barns together in order to bring the cost down, and create a larger social event.





Above | Papa John's is parked conveniently on the street and offers pizza by the slice for students who don't want to wait to get a pizza delivered.



Right | A student orders a burrito to satisfy his late-night hunger.



# Food Truck Frenzy

When you are hungry in a hurry

STORY | SIDNEY McCOMBS  
PHOTO | ABBY ROGERS  
DESIGN | NATALIE HOKE

Food trucks are a tasty trend that have been sweeping the nation, feeding hungry college students on campuses all across America, and UIUC is no exception. Papa John's, Burrito King, and Crave are just some of the mobile canteens that could be spotted cruising campus town.

Crave's menu consists of an assortment of waffles and coffee. This truck opens for business at different locations all across campus. Customers are informed of the truck's whereabouts via Twitter. Simone Karras, senior in the College of Business said, "I think food trucks are a cool alternative to a typical restaurant meal. Service is pretty quick and it's on the street, so that's more convenient."

Another popular Champaign-Urbana food truck is called Cracked. Two 2012 University of Illinois graduates, Daniel Krause and Jeremy Mandell, launched the business in August. The menu features mainly breakfast

foods, made to order: all day, every day. Top selling items include sandwiches and burritos, beignets, wraps and more. Most of the freshly made foods consist of a variety of ingredients such as hash browns, meat, cheese, and of course, eggs.

Cracked operates on Mathews and Springfield Avenues from 7:30 in the morning to 2:30 in the afternoon on weekdays. Mainly though, the eatery aims to serve to the late night crowd Thursday through Saturday parking on Green Street, between Third and Fourth.

Tyler Sutton, sophomore in LAS said, "All of the trucks around campus are pretty good, but I would have to say Cracked is my favorite. There's something about eating breakfast food late at night that just hits the spot, especially when it's fresh and tastes awesome."



Above left | A Cracked food truck awaits hungry customers on the street.

Left | Students opt to order Cracked omelettes instead of IHOP.



# You Are What You Grow

Students get hands on experience at the Sustainable Student Farm

STORY | STEPHANIE KIM  
PHOTO | STEPHANIE KIM & ASHLEY PAULUS  
DESIGN | YUANYUAN MENG

In 2009, the University of Illinois accomplished a feat unlike any other universities and colleges: a multi-departmental collaboration in funding and creating the Sustainable Student Farm.

"It was a joint collaboration between the Department of Crops Sciences, University Dining Services and the Student Sustainability Committee," said Zach Grant, graduate student in horticulture and manager of the Student Sustainable Farm.

"We got seed money from the Student Sustainability Committee and started a production farm on one of the research farms to grow seasonal produce for the dining halls," he said.

The Sustainable Student Farm also found help from the architecture and engineering departments to help maintain a sustainable and environmentally friendly farm.

"Deliverables like the 'folding farm' from the architecture studio collaboration and our electric cultivating tractor are helping us reduce emissions with repeated cultivating passes in the field," he said.

The 'folding farm,' a transferrable farm stand, provided an opportunity to expand its sales arena while also bringing awareness to the community of Champaign-Urbana.

"When we are having things to harvest, 90%

goes to the dining halls and about six months out of the year, we have the farm sitting on the quad," Grant said.

Growing in customer size and popularity, the farm has also grown in landmass with 6,000 acres and 10,000 square feet of solar-heated greenhouses (high tunnels) to accommodate for the variety of produce it grows.

"In the high tunnels we tend to focus on salad green production during the winter months. Then during the outdoor growing season, we grow just about anything you can think of," Grant said.

With the steady growth of this project, the Sustainable Student Farm even opened its fields to the community for hands-on experience in cultivating, harvesting and arranging produce. This allowed the campus community to better understand the farm, and where their food really comes from.



Above | A bin of ripe tomatoes is ready to be sent to University Dining Services to be prepared for student meals.

Right | The Sustainable Student Farm located on the far south side of campus is a place where students are able to put their farming skills into practice and learn what it takes to run a sustainable farm.







Above | An Illinois student buys different gourds, squash and parsley fresh from the Sustainable Student Farm. Student farmers sell the produce on Thursday on the South side of the Union. All proceeds help maintain the farm for future years.

Left | The Sustainable Student Farm displays their fresh produce for sale on Anniversary Plaza, which includes seasonal vegetables such as tomatoes, eggplant and chili peppers. All food is organic and made readily available to students.





Above | The 309 Apartment building is the tallest on campus, and adds to the camptown skyline.  
 Bottom left | The Blue Balcs apartments are located on Frat Park.  
 Bottom right | Tower at Third is a popular living choice for upperclassmen.



# Posh Pads

The most popular apartments on campus

STORY | LATIFAH AL-HAZZA  
PHOTO | LATIFAH AL-HAZZA  
DESIGN | KIERSTIN HADSALL

Location: 309 East Green Street

Name: 309

Perks: Pool, fitness center, lobby, lounge, party deck, hot tub

Floors: 24

Average Rent: \$825

"I like the modern feel of 309 and I like how the living room is so spacious and conducive to have people over and late nights with roommates. I love our kitchen because it's a nice space to cook with very nice appliances."

-Melissa Wiener, Senior, College of LAS

Location: 302 East John Street

Name: Tower at Third

Perks: Fitness center, computer center, pool, billiards table, poker table, tanning

Floors: 21

Rent: \$669

"My favorite parts about the building are all the free amenities and the location. Free washer and dryer, printing, and a gym go a long way. I also love the location because it's so close to Green."

-Zach Youman, Senior, College of Business

Location: 54 East Chalmers Street

Name: Lofts 54

Perks: Pool, hot tub, BBQ grills

Floors: 6

Rent: \$740

"I like either the big open atrium in the middle the most or the rooftop deck with the hot tub and grills."

-Lauren DeChambre, Senior, College of Fine and Applied Arts

Location: 508 East John Street

Name: Johnstowne

Perks: Near Green Street and the Quad

Floors: 2

Rent: \$635

"My favorite part is definitely that so many of my friends live here, and we are always hanging out in each others apartments. It's a very social apartment complex. Sometimes that means it's loud, but I knew that moving in."

- Kelly Chuipek, Senior, College of Media



Above | Green Street Tower consists of many "pass-downs" because of their great location and popularity.



Above | Loft 54 is located further from campus, but the new amenities and modern design make them attractive to many students.



# Bonded for Life

Inside look at the 2012 Rush Walkthrough.

STORY | KIMBERLY HUGHES  
PHOTO | JAZMYN LOPEZ  
DESIGN | ARABED HERNANDEZ

It's that one week of the year where hundreds of girls are dressed in the same outfits, chanting catchy cheers, and running across campus: Welcome to Rush Week 2012. Greek life is a big part of our University, but there is a lot more that goes into the rush process than we see from the outside.

From sororities to fraternities there are similarities and differences when it comes to making a bid.

"All of fraternity rush is informal. If the house likes you, they sign your bid," said Sam Thomas, sophomore in Liberal Arts and Sciences.

On the other hand, sorority rush process is an intense week of rigorous rules and regulations.

"During Rush Week, girls in the houses are not aloud to talk about the fraternities or alcohol. It's run on a very strict rule book," said Kristen Danowski, senior in Education.

Days before leading up to the official Rush Week, girls in the house go through an exhausting rehearsal before potential Rush members arrive at the house.

"Practices for Rush start at 9:00 am to 5:00 pm for the girls in the house," said Danowski. "Everything has to be perfectly planned, from the time the girls walk in to the time they walk out."

With the Greek life at the University consisting of 95 chapters and over 6,500 students, belonging in a sorority or fraternity is a choice that will last a lifetime.

"Joining a sorority made a big school seem small," said Michaela Calangi, senior in Applied Health Sciences. "My house gave me a great support system and friends for life."

Above | The women of Pi Beta Phi sorority pose with their letters. This year they chose 'America' theme because of the recent London Olympics.

Above | The women of Chi Omega sorority hang their recruitment week banner outside of their house, while other members look on. This will serve as a back drop for their first picture with their newest members.







Above | The members of Panhellenic Council and the Gamma Chi leaders, who do not reveal their house during the recruitment process, are able to join their individual houses for the first time after two weeks. The new members are able to join their news houses and accept their bids.

Far left | The women of Alpha Phi sorority pose with their homemade wooden letters painted in bright neon colors. They attracted the women who received bids over to their place on the Quad.

Above | The women of Delta Delta Delta sorority pose with their new letters and bid notifications.



# Family Ties

Pledge families make the Greek community feel like home

STORY | AMANDA ADREANI  
PHOTO | ALLISON GERNIS  
DESIGN | NICOLE KOOB

After Bid Day, new members receive a different pledge mom each week until the pledge mom reveal. "For our babies, we put a picture of something with an inside joke down with her name, then we posted the same picture on our door in the house so they knew where to find us. After that we take them out to dinner as a family," said senior Katie Burke in Liberal Arts and Sciences. While specific pairing processes may differ between houses, pledge families within the Greek system have universal benefits.

Sophomore Teresa Negele in Applied Health Sciences knew she would make a connection with her pledge daughter, freshman Carissa Diecman in Business. Negele said, "My friend from home is her best friend... through dance. I already met her and I knew I'd recognize her on Bid Day, so I signed up for her."

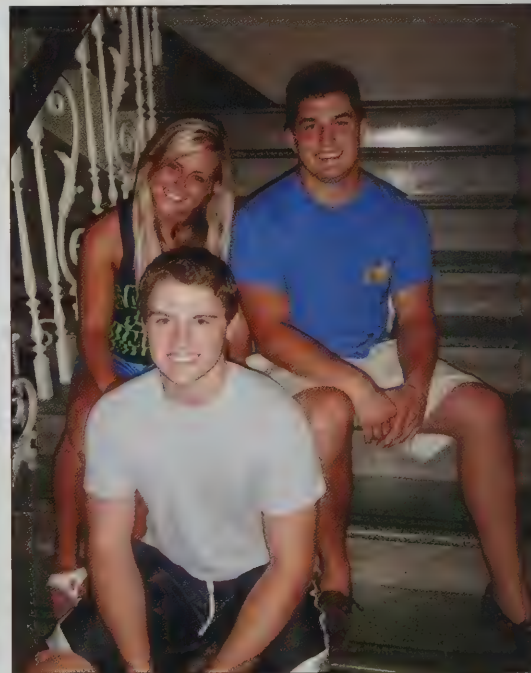
Diecman has already benefitted from her pledge

mom. "It's someone who you know you can go to if you have any questions. It's like a mentor. I like that she's in a different pledge class so I get to know her friends too," she said.

While pledge parents ease new members into the organization, more relatives can extend social connections. Burke's pledge husband is senior Matt Geissler, in Engineering. Burke said, "he's the one that got me into the Greek system. And then we were dating so it was a natural progression." Geissler wanted the union to be official. "He made me get down on one knee, actually in ATO's yard, and made me propose to him," said Burke. Sophomore Conor Morril in Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences became the pledge son of this pair last year. Morril said, "Well she's [Burke] my cousin. And then I hung out with Matt a lot. He loves me, I love him— it just went from there."

Right | Junior Katie Burke of Gamma Phi Beta stands with her pledge husband and son.

Far right | Burke poses for a family photo on the staircase in the Union.







Left | Gamma Phi Beta sorority sisters Teresa Negele and Carissa Diecman are happy to be in the same pledge family, through the introduction of a mutual friend from highschool.

#### **Pledge Families: How They Work**

Pledge families branch across all Greek houses and within each family tree there are several others, as the pledge kids of a couple do not necessarily become pledge husband and wife as well. This system connects multiple fraternities and sororities in order to create legacies within houses, but also make the huge Greek system seem smaller.

"He didn't get down on one knee or anything, so it wasn't very romantic. It was more of a mutual understanding, and a proposal through text message," Natalie Jenkins senior in LAS said. "Our houses are really close, and we were friends in high school so we wanted to stay close friends for the rest of college. We saw being pledge husband and wife as a way to do that."



# Movin' On Up

White Horse moves to a bigger location in the heart of campustown.

STORY | ALYSSA ULLRICH  
PHOTO | ANNE GRZYB  
DESIGN | BRIANNE LENZ

Since 1973, the White Horse Inn has been serving up food and drinks to students and community members alike. After nearly 40 years of karaoke and good times, the White Horse Inn, commonly known to students as "White Ho," has closed its doors at 112 E. Green St., and has moved to a more central location at 510 E. John St. Though sometimes perceived as a "townie" bar and a bar for graduate students, the White Horse Inn hopes that its new location will attract more students of all ages. Also, the move has allowed White Ho to reopen its kitchen. With the reopening of the kitchen, owners Aidas and Daina Mattis have implemented a unique feature to their new menu. Unlike any restaurants on campus, White Ho offers 12 different types of German sausages and it plans to continue to expand its menu as business grows.

White Horse Inn veteran, Gabby Carranza, senior communications major, has frequented White Ho since she first moved to Champaign. After hearing of all the great times her older brother Estevan, an Illini alumnus, had at White Horse, she was eager to visit her freshman year and continues to attend karaoke night on Wednesdays at the new location.

Q: What do you like about the new location?

A: The new location is great! It's close to campus town and there's a great bar atmosphere! They have dart boards and a cute outside area. My parents brought me there for my birthday a few weeks ago and we ate there... it was really good!

Q: What do you miss about the old location?

A: I miss the intimacy of the last White Ho. During karaoke night the whole bar would sing together since it was so small... I miss that! I don't miss the walk though. I lived in Newman Hall my freshman and sophomore year

and would hate making the walk there. That's why I think the new location is so awesome, a small move that made a huge difference.

Q: Now that there is no longer the "pit" for karaoke, where do they hold it?

A: It is just off to the left hand side of the bar now! I do miss the pit, but now they put the lyrics up on a huge projection screen so that's definitely the compromise!

Q: What benefits do you think the new location offers? Any disadvantages?

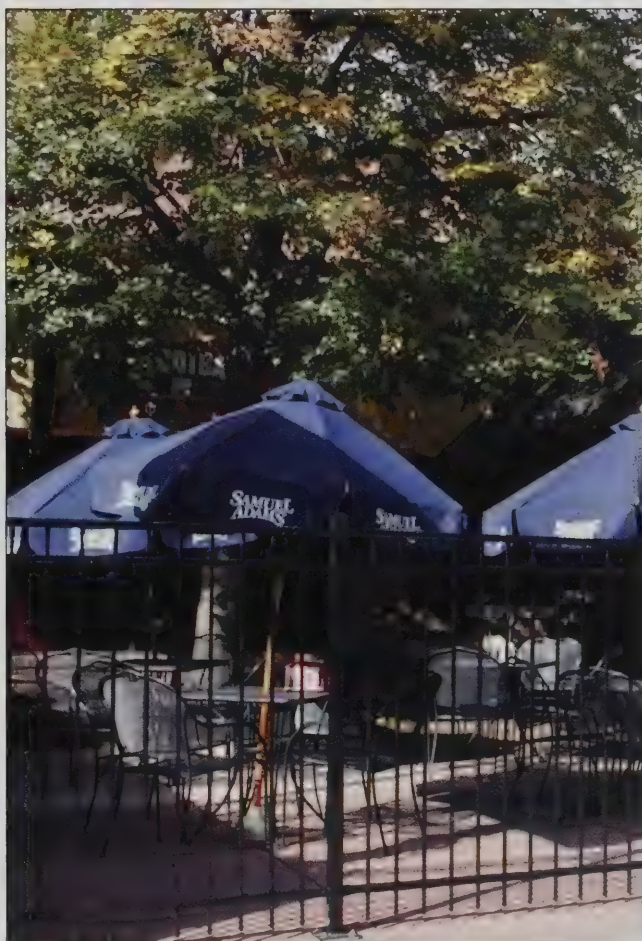
A: I think the huge advantage is that it is close to campus, making it an easy add on to bar crawl lists! I love the new White Ho--I can't think of any disadvantages!

Right | The former White Horse location was on E. Green Street.

It now was moved to E. John Street, which is more centrally located on campus.







Above | The new White Horse location is in the heart of campus.  
 Bottom left | White Horse still remains a popular student bar with the new location.  
 Bottom right | White Horse's beer garden is very attractive for football games tailgating and other social events.



# Extreme Dorm Makeover

Rebuilding the Old "Six-Pack"

STORY | KAI CHEN  
PHOTO | ERIN RANDLE  
DESIGN | NINI KAO

The University approved a 14-year multimillion-dollar demolition and rebuilding of a group of residence halls and dining halls, commonly known as the "Six-Pack", including Weston, Snyder, Scott, Hopkins, Forbes and Nugent. Nugent is the newest one, and Snyder has been renovated this year.

Nugent takes the place of Garner Hall and is the newest dorm located between Euclid and First streets on Gregory Drive, which connected to the Ikenberry Dining Hall.

"I like Nugent very much. I lived in Scott two years ago, and my sister lives in Nugent this semester. I think Nugent is pretty nice, it makes both my sister and me feel very comfortable, which is better than my apartment outside." Maggie said, a senior student, working in Nugent.

Air conditioners should be one of the biggest impacts on whether students feel comfortable in the dorms. The new dorms have air conditioners this year, which the old dorms do not have.

"I lived in Weston last year, and switched to Snyder this semester. I think that Snyder is much better than Weston because of air conditions. I could not suffer from the hot air in my dorm in Weston last year, so I always went out to study. But now I can study in my

dorm because the dorm is very cool," said Kevin Shen, sophomore in Business.

The new Ikenberry Dining Hall is the largest one in the University, which offers seven different stations of delicious, freshly prepared food.

The new Ikenberry Dining Hall has two floors: the first floor features a diverse allocation of space—students labs, 57 North and student dining; and second floor is famous of The Caffeinator, where students can use their credits to buy beverages. Unlike other dining halls, Ikenberry Dining Hall only opens 57 North for students to buy some food with their café or credits during late night study breaks.

"The dining hall is good. The food here is pretty fresh. Late Night here is pretty convenient for me because I always study very late in the lab and I can buy some snacks with my café or credits to eat." Austin Poke said, a freshman student.

During the 2012-2013 school year, Hopkins and Scott residence halls will be closest to the construction. Students who live there will have air conditioning next semester.

Right | The new wing of Nugent Hall finished for the 2012 - 2013 school year while the Garner Dorm has been torn down







Above | The outside view of Ikenberry Dining Hall, which is the newest dining hall on campus. It offers several options with a two story eating set-up.

Bottom left | Weston Residence Hall is one of the few buildings still remaining from the original "six pack." Many new students will get the opportunity to live in the newer construction.

Bottom right | Inside of 57 North student are able to purchase snacks outside of the normal dining hall hours.



# The Reason We Ride

Illini 4000 cycles across the country to raise money for Cancer research.

STORY | STEPHANIE H. KIM  
PHOTO | ILLINI 4K  
DESIGN | KATIE CHRZANOWSKI

Four years ago, Gregory Colten found his niche in the Illini 4000: a cycling club dedicated to raising funds for cancer research. Though Greg had little experience in cycling, his personal experience with the tragic effects of cancer compelled him to join.

"My father passed away from brain cancer before my second birthday. It's something I don't want other people to experience," said Colten, a senior in engineering and president of Illini 4000.

"Interestingly, a lot of people who join the Illini 4000 aren't cyclists to begin with. They join because they hate cancer and this is something they can do," Colten said.

The team planned to leave on May 25th, cycling over 4,000 miles from New York City to San Francisco. On this 68-day trip, Illini 4000 planned to continue the Portraits Project, a collection of interviews and portrait photos of cancer patients.

"Our goal is to document the American cancer experience so we have interviews—or portraits as we call them—and it'll be anywhere. Our goal is to collect their story and share it," Colten said.

"We might not have the ability to fight cancer in white lab coats doing experiments, but we have summers, we have energy, we have enthusiasm and time. So, why not put those into good use? With this bike ride, we connect others with inspiring stories that we get to hear ourselves."

Since its founding in 2007, Illini 4000 has donated \$306,000 to cancer research and patient support services, making a significant contribution to their cause.

"One of the most beautiful things about this trip is that it's a symbolic gesture in the way it relates to cancer. We know that by pushing through, it's pushing ourselves as if someone with cancer is pushing forward. That's why we ride."

All | Members of Illini 4000 submitted photos of their summer journey across the country. The 4,000 mile ride raised thousands of dollars for cancer research and patient support. Along with being a physically challenging endeavour, the participants got to sight see at locations everywhere from both oceans, Mt. Rushmore, and Golden Gate Bridge.









# Illinites

An Alternative Night Out

STORY | LUCY BRACE  
PHOTO | JESSICA SKOGH  
DESIGN | KATIE CHRZANOWSKI

Illinites, which are planned by students for students, provides an alternative Friday night event that includes many different activities for students to participate in.

Sponsored by the Illini Union Board, Illinites have a number of different activities and entertainment options ranging from riding a mechanical bull to being entertained by comedians. With all the different events, there is definitely something for everyone.

Some of the entertainment offered by the Illini Union Board have been viewings of the presidential debates, a lecture series with LGBT rights activist Chaz Bono, The Spooky World of Illinites featuring a costume contest with prizes, inflatables, a fortune card reader, and the African-American Homecoming.

The Illini Union Board states that "Illinites offers students large scale, late-night programming that focuses on being a safe, non-alcoholic alternative to the typical college experience by featuring national, local and student performances with free entertainment, free activities and free food."

One of the main goals of Illinites is to offer students, who wish to participate in something other than going to parties on Friday nights, something to do; all Illinites are alcohol-free.

Right | Students experiment with the different crafts projects that the Illinites have to offer.







Above | A student band performs at one of the many fall Illinites for an audience in the Courtyard Cafe.



Left | Beyond fun alcohol free activities, the Illini Union Board offers free food at almost all of their events.



# The Top 25

A bucket list of items for Illinois students to complete before graduation.

STORY | LATIFAH AL-HAZZA  
PHOTO | ILLIO ARCHIVES  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

Ride the Rail at Legends  
Join the Mug Club at Illini Inn  
Ring the bells at Altgeld  
Attend a football game  
Attend a basketball game  
Tightrope walk on the quad  
Attend a concert at Krannert  
Eat at Papa Dels  
Take a picture with Alma  
Rock climb at the ARC  
Nap on the Quad  
Picnic in Illini Grove  
Order Insomnia Cookies at 2:30 a.m.

Attend class in pajamas  
Visit the Arboretum  
Attend a concert at the Canopy Club  
Go on a barcrawl  
Attend a barndance  
Go pumpkin picking at Curtis Orchard  
Visit the Japan House  
Eat at Fat Sandwich  
Watch a projector movie on the Quad  
Bowl at the Union Rec Room  
Play broomball  
Sneak into the football stadium at night

Right | A thirty foot vertical ladder leads to the top view of the Altgeld bells. Tours of the bells are given during specific hours and special occasions.







Above | The botanical gardens on the south end of campus are a popular place for students to study, take walks, play frisbee, and exercise.



Left | Many students will graduate this year having attended at least one barn dance. Students dress in their country finest and take busses out to local barns.



# Unofficial Business

A profile of the profitable t-shirt business that is an Unofficial tradition.

STORY | CHRISTINE NICHOLSON  
PHOTO | ILLIO ARCHIVES  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

In December, the official Facebook pages, groups, and t-shirt pages start to circulate for Unofficial, despite the event being three months away. One of the first things on every student's Unofficial checklist is buying a funny t-shirt to show off their green, and be the talk of whatever parties they end up at. For some entrepreneurially driven students, Unofficial is a business opportunity.

"I was interested in starting an online t-shirt store because I saw the opportunity on campus and saw that there was a demand for Unofficial apparel," said Steven Farag, junior in Engineering. "I tied that in with my passion for graphic design and started a Facebook store."

As many students know from the letters the administration sends about the dangers of the Unofficial festivities, it is not the most respected student holiday on campus. This negative image has presented challenges for students such as Farag.

"I faced several challenges along the way, one

of which was some feedback from the administration and affiliating Illinois with Unofficial. The University made it clear that I could not associate the two," Farag said.

In spite of the administration, students have continued the tradition, and this has provided great business to campus bars and other businesses as well as the many apparel and t-shirt companies on campus.

"It was extremely competitive last year. There were a few other groups that were competing with similar designs and similar prices," Farag said. "My store took orders three days until Unofficial due to our local printing location. I'd say around 40 thousand dollars is grossed every year in sales."

Even though Farag is very involved in the work before Unofficial, he has mixed feelings about the day of.

"I really am not a fan of Unofficial," Farag said. "I think its comedic to see how many visitors come in for a day just to get slapped with jaywalking and drinking tickets."





Above | Students walk across the street with their free Red Bull samples decked out in green attire to celebrate Unofficial. Many of the different shirt designs are ordered weeks in advance in order to ensure they are ready for the holiday.



# Let's go Quading!

The Quad is not just a way to get to class, but a way of life.

STORY | LATIFAH AL-HAZZA  
PHOTO | ASHLEY PAULUS  
DESIGN | KATIE CHRZANOWSKI

**Name:** Main Quad

**Year Built:** 1905

**Size:** 203 feet wide x 940 feet long

**Significant Monument on the Quad:** "The Eternal Flame"

#### History behind The Eternal Flame:

The Eternal Flame, located between the English Building and Lincoln Hall, was a gift of the class of 1912. The 800 hundred dollar monument carries the myth, "A lover's kiss will bring eternal bliss." It is said that if two lovers kiss under the flame's eternal light, their relationship will last forever.

#### Functions of the Quad:

Now a days, the Quad serves as a lounging area for students. Students often go to the Quad to study, leisurely read, or to play a game of football or frisbee with friends. If you're lucky enough, sometimes there are student musicians on the Quad that are eager to serenade you as you nap.

If you're in need of a snack, organizations can often times be seen on the Quad selling baked goods for charities. Sophomore in the College of LAS and ACES, Elisha Gutmann, is a part of the Challah for Hunger organization that raises money by selling traditional Jewish bread. "We make a Jewish sweet bread and sell it on the Quad for people who are interested and want to try it. It's good publicity. We give the proceeds to the Haifa Institute."

The Feel Good RSO can be spotted from across the Quad dressed up as grilled cheese sandwiches 'ending world hunger, one grilled cheese at a time'. Angela Yang, a freshman in College of LAS, is a member of the Feel Good-UIUC organization. "We're selling grilled cheese and one-hundred percent of the proceeds go towards the Hunger Project to end world hunger."

On a sunny day, various RSOs and clubs go to the Quad to hold a meeting, practice their stunt routine, or even tightrope walk between two trees. Tucker Collins is a senior in the College of Engineering as well as a member of the tightrope walk club. "It's a really nice way to spend my days and it's a great way to meet people. People stop by all the time. It's a cool cultural hub."

Right | Various Registered Student Organizations set up tables on the south side of the quad to promote their events and raise money.

Far Right | Every Illinois student knows about Illinois squirrels. It is a rare occurrence to get to class without crossing paths with at least a few along the way.









# As Good as it Gets

Seniors pass down their 4 years of knowledge to future Illini generations.

STORY | CHRISTINE NICHOLSON  
PHOTO | BRIA PURDIMAN  
DESIGN | KATIE CHRZANOWSKI

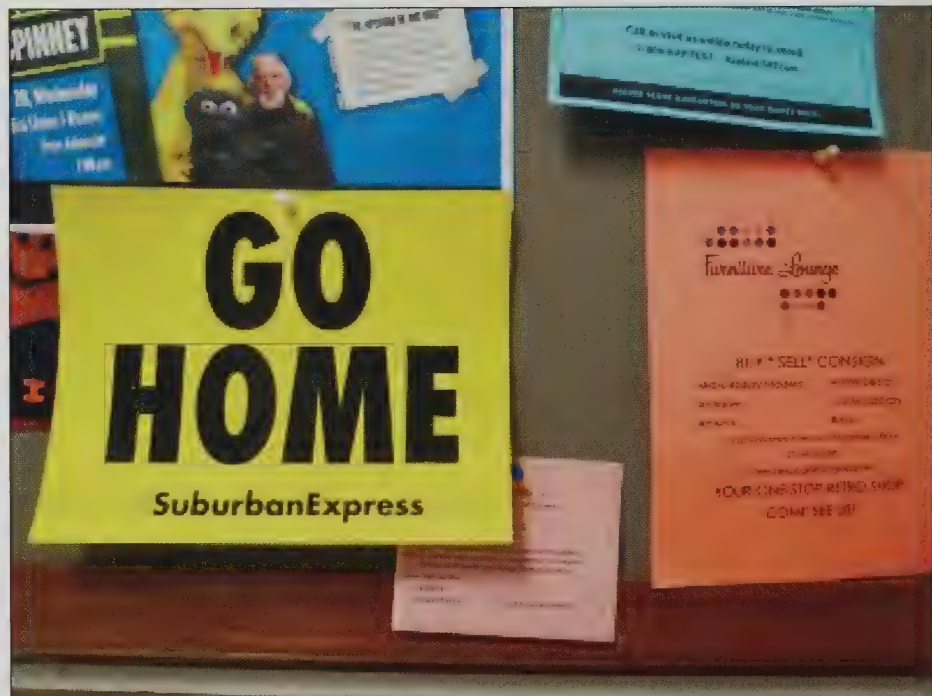
Assembly Hall is filled students, and it isn't for an Illini basketball game. Just a few days before the first day of class the incoming freshman class attends new student convocation. They hear from the Chancellor, and inspiring speakers, and learn what it means to be an Illini. Four years later those same students sit in Assembly Hall once again. This time around it is for commencement to celebrate what they have accomplished and learned. What seniors know now is what being an Illini really means. It is not just the four years that define your experience, but is something you are part of for life. Freshman outline their expectations, and seniors respond with their best advice.

"Go to Quad day. If you think you are interested in something-try it. You have four years to be a part of

experiences that you may never had and may never have again. There are 40,000 students on this campus, make it a goal to meet someone who is entirely different than you. All the students different backgrounds and experiences contribute to this University, and it is important to expand your horizons by engaging with these people." Vita Wu, Senior, AHS

"My expectations when I first got to campus at U of I was that it was going to be a blast, challenging at times but a time in my life that I would never forget. I plan to live out these expectations the rest of my college career because being a student at U of I is an awesome opportunity!" Morgan Eifler, Freshman, Education

Right | Bulletin boards across campus are plastered with bus advertisements encouraging students to visit home. Many students expect to homesick their freshman year, and for some that may be true, however seniors pass down the knowledge that Illinois will soon feel like home.







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### Freshman Expectations

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### Senior Realities

1. Class will be really hard.
2. Parties are like Animal House.
3. Dorms are gross.
4. I will be best friends with my roommate.
5. I will join every club I signed up for on Quad day.
6. Graduation will be the best.
7. I will miss home.
8. I will have the time of my life.

1. Sometimes they will be, but spend a few long nights at the UGL and you'll be fine.
2. Mostly not, but there will be a few great ones that you'll talk about for weeks.
3. The new "six pack" is a luxury hotel compared to the old one.
4. Maybe, but do not count on it. Branch out and meet people in your major, or in the RSO's you join.
5. You may be on the Listserv for 4 years in hopes of going to a meeting one day, but choose something you are really passionate about and commit yourself to it.
6. Stay as long as you can. These years are a unique and amazing experience you cannot recreate, so take advantage of every opportunity.
7. Every once in awhile you will miss home, but the university becomes your new home before you know it. Always remember you have a whole family of peers, faculty, administrators and alumni that are there to support you.
8. You are absolutely right about that!



# Finally Legal

All you need to know about turning 21 on campus.

STORY | LATIFAH AL-HAZZA  
PHOTO | ILLIO ARCHIVES  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

Turning 21 is usually the highlight of student's college life. Turning 21 allows you to whatever you want in bars and restaurants without the fear of getting kicked out, using your real ID without the thought of getting caught, wearing those colorful wristbands (stamp for Joe's) that signify you're 21, and sometimes even getting into the bars without cover. Here is all you need to know about turning 21 on campus:

#### Bars on Campus:

- Legends
- Joe's
- Brothers
- Clybourne
- Firehaus
- KAMS
- Murphy's
- White Horse
- Red Lion

#### Popular Drinks to Order:

- Cranberry Vodka
- Gin and Tonic
- Rum and Coke
- Long Island Iced Tea
- Red Bull Vodka

#### Alcohol Lingo:

-Chaser - In bar terms, anything that is consumed quickly after a shot of alcohol. It is meant to mask the taste of the shot

-On the Rocks- A drink with ice

-Draft- Beer that is served from a barrel rather than from a bottle or can

-Pitcher- Beer served in a pitcher

-Fishbowl- Varies by bar on the type of drink, but generally a large bowl filled with numerous spirits the bar offers mixed with juices or energy drinks

Kirsten Frazier, a senior studying molecular and cellular biology, turned 21 on Saturday, September 17, 2011 and spent the night before her birthday at Firehaus to celebrate turning 21 at midnight.

Frazier said having her friends with her was the best part of the night, and added that celebrating in Champaign provided more benefits.

"U of I specially was nice because my friends that weren't 21 yet could still get into the bars with me," Frazier said. "We had a night football game, so my family came down and we tailgated, then I went to the football game."





Above | A typical pregame scene is depicted before a night of going to the campus bars. Many students turning 21 on campus chose to host pregames for friends before going out and getting their first legal wrist bands.





Top | AAF Executive Board members on Quad Day.

Above | AAF Community Outreach members at Habitat for Humanity's 'Trick or Treat for Change,' a Halloween fundraiser.

Right | AAF members at the annual Ugly Holiday Sweater Ice Skating event.





# The Future of the Industry

AAF prepares members for the real world

STORY | AMANDA ADREANI  
PHOTO | AAF ILLINOIS  
DESIGN | KATIE CHRZANOWSKI

The American Advertising Federation on campus aims to provide hands-on experience and networking opportunities for those involved. The executive board is responsible for overseeing the varied aspects of the group. Diana Lee, a junior in Media, is the president. She said of the group structure, "There is the president and three senior vice presidents. They work with me and take care of the twelve vice presidents. The twelve vice presidents each have an agency coordinator or more, and then those people have their own committees. They take care of the 500 general members."

Four of the twelve main sections of the club are actually student-run advertising agencies. Marissa Jaeckel, a senior in Media, is the Senior Vice President of Management. Two of the eight committees she oversees are the ad agencies Midnight Oil and On the House. Jaeckel said, "They work as a full functioning agency. They have client meetings and they have all the branches of an ad agency."

This year, the executive board made structural changes to improve upon past years. The member relations committee was created, which "fosters and helps programs and works with the general members who are new to our organization," said Lee. The position of Senior Vice President of Communications is also a new addition. Gordon Utendahl, a Junior in Media, is the first to have this role. He appreciates the

opportunity because, "It gave me a lot of freedom to organize things, create new initiatives and be very involved," he said.

Gaining knowledge of the industry is crucial for future careers in advertising. Jaeckel said, "We offer so many committees that anyone can join and that try to stay relevant in teaching about the ad industry. All of our committees do a great job in trying to provide the experience because, especially in advertising, it's all about the experience."

Accessing internships and jobs in the field is facilitated for AAF members. Lee said, "We have really good connections and networking with the corporate world. We have a lot of our personal AAF alumni in advertising agencies so it's easy for us to have them talk to our members, do a presentation and recruit." Utendahl believes that meeting alumni will help him after graduation. "I just know that leaving here it's going to be nice having those connections to agencies," he said.

Besides preparing for future careers, AAF hopes to give back to society. The community outreach committee focuses on planning philanthropy and service events. Utendahl said, "It's really cool being able to have a branch that organizes that so as a group, since we're so large, we can assemble and do something good."



Left | AAF executive board members and advisor Steve Hall visit Washington DC for the AAF Student Conference in October.



# Inspiration through Diversity

The Women of Color student organization unites minority women through educating, uplifting and uniting.

STORY | CHRISTINE NICHOLSON  
PHOTO | BRIA PURDIMAN  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

The university is growing in many ways, but possibly the most beneficial is the thriving diverse community that has been developing over many years. The leaders of this growth are the many cultural houses we have on campus, but also the organizations that help support different students populations achieve in the campus community. The registered student organization, Women of Color is a strong example of one of these diverse student groups.

The purpose of Women of Color is to educate, uplift, and unite minority women on the University of Illinois campus and in the Champaign- Urbana community. The way the organization carries out its mission is through several programs and events some of which are partnered with their brother organization,

Men of Impact. The student groups raised money for their organizations by holding a Midnight Breakfast at the Bruce D. Nesbitt African American Cultural Center.

Besides being supportive of women of color, the organization reaches out to the entire campus community through regular events on the quad and in the union. Their most recent and expansive program was the 23rd Annual Women's Conference. The keynote speaker was the famous poet and distinguished professor, Nikki Giovanni. Giovanni is a strong role model for women and a supporter of equality and civil rights. She spoke to the women of the campus community, promoted the Women of Color's mission to inspire women to set their goals high, and achieve them by supporting one another.

Right | Alice Owolabi, Alisha Morrow, Bria Purdiman, Loreal Latimer and Chloe Andrews, the Women of Color Executive Board, pose for a photo at the "Tender Love and Care" Social.







Above | The Executive Board at the annual midnight breakfast which is held for students on Reading Day at the Bruce D. Nesbitt African American Cultural Center.



Left | The Women of Color Executive Board joke around during a meeting.



# Reflections | Projections

Association for Computing Machinery hosts an annual conference in Champaign

STORY | CRYSTAL SMITH  
PHOTO | CAITLYN REIZMAN  
DESIGN | ABBY BATIS

Among the many student groups on campus, the Association for Computing Machinery, or ACM, takes on many responsibilities in the engineering world at Illinois.

"ACM is pretty much an umbrella organization that is head for a bunch of special interests groups like Computer Science. We cover anything and everything you can think of about computer science," said ACM member, Ciara Proctor, who is a senior in computer science.

ACM at Illinois is the largest student chapter in the country. The student organization has over 300 members, and puts on one of the biggest conferences at U of I.

ACM sponsors an annual conference called Reflections | Projections. Co-chair and publicity director of Reflections | Projections, Caitlyn Reizman, says the conferences attract big names in tech.

"Reflections | Projections is an annual conference that ACM hosts where we bring in approximately 15-20 biggest names in tech," said Reizman. "And they talk about a topic of their choice. This year one of our speakers was the director of photography at Pixar."

Reizman's second hand in the conference was Proctor. Proctor served as the co-chair and the head of the job fair for Reflections | Projections.

"The conference doesn't just have speakers. We also have an annual job fair that have companies like

Google, Microsoft, and Facebook," said Reizman.

"And this year we made a big change by introducing a startup fair that had a dozen companies who are local, and from other places as well," said Proctor.

Both chairs, Proctor and Reizman, wanted to bring in mostly startup companies to the job fair.

"We had a really strong focus on startups because the culture is really great, and there are a lot of startups across the country that are hiring," said Reizman.

The conference had a handful of startup companies that employ less than 100 people, and are less than 5 years old.

Proctor said there were a lot of local startup companies from the area that offered jobs and internships to students.

Not only did the conference have speakers and a job fair for ACM members and engineering students, but they also hosted competitions.

"We also have an annual programming competition that goes with the conference," said Reizman. "We had a puzzle competition as well."

"It was definitely a full weekend," said Proctor.

This year's Reflections | Projections was the biggest yet. According to Reizman, the conference had a 40 percent increase from last year's event.

ACM's Reflections | Projections event was a hit, and the chairs are proud of this year's turnout.





Above | Ciara Proctor, 2012 Conference Co-Chair, speaks with a recruiter from Salesforce.



Left | Nelson Osacky, 2012 Conference Logistics Coordinator and 2013 Conference Co-Chair, shows an app to a recruiter from Hulu.



# Getting the Vote Out

Members of College Democrats and College Republicans work for their candidates this election year.

STORY | CHRISTINE NICHOLSON  
PHOTO | BRIAN YU & DESPINA BATSON  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

No matter what your political affiliation there is no doubt that this fall was politically charged on campus. Students came up to support their candidates for all levels of government, and were particularly vocal about the major Presidential election. The students that spearheaded the political vocality, were members of both College Democrats and College Republicans. These RSOs were able to successfully register students to vote and reach across the aisle to talk about issues affecting students on a university level. One of the main ways they accomplish this was by holding a debate between the presidents of each organization for a student audience. They covered main issues for each party, and talked about the goals they saw our country achieving under their candidates leadership. The differences and similarities between the organizations that were highlighted during election season are seen below:

## College Democrats

President: Shana Jo Harrison, senior, LAS

What is the mission of the organization?

To promote civic engagement among college students and to keep IL blue by electing Democrats from the bottom to the top of the ticket.

Why do students join the organization? and what are the benefits of joining?

The benefits of joining College Democrats include learning first hand campaign experiences, understanding how important government is in the daily lives of Americans, and bonding with other Democrats on campus to unite for the same goal.

How was College Dems different this year due to the Presidential election?

With a presidential election year (and after a redistricting year), everyone was up for reelection which meant we had several races to focus on. For College Dems this year, we focused on the 13th Congressional race and supported Dr. David Gill. During an election year, there are always more opportunities to get involved first hand by phone banking or canvassing.

What was the attitude on Campus toward the Democratic Candidates (both locally and nationally)?

The campus mood for the election was excited. Many students were ready to get Democrats elected. We noticed an excitement among women on campus to get out the vote for President Obama. I personally was thrilled to see more women involved in the political process.

How did yourself and the organization feel about the results?

Of course we are proud of President Obama and his accomplish to serve a second term! He is a strong leader to help us face the pressing issues of our times. State Senator Frerichs and State Representative Jakobsson won their re-elections as well which is great for the state of IL to have leaders like themselves there to help fix the problems the state is currently facing. We kept the majority of the Champaign County Board as well, which is beneficial for students. Of course, we wish Dr. Gill would of have a victory against Rodney Davis in the 13th Congressional Race, but we are proud of the accomplishments Dr. Gill and we are glad that he was always willing to lend a listening ear to us about issues facing college students. Overall, College Democrats is incredibly proud of the 2012 elections with all the major victories we had.

Right | Shana Jo Harrison, Senior LAS the president of College Democrats debates Despina Batson, Senior LAS the president of College Republicans as part of a mock presidential debate hosted by Illinois Connection before the November election.







## College Republicans

President: Despina Batson, senior, LAS

What is the mission of the organization?

Illini Republicans is an organization of students who share the belief and understanding that the founding constitutional principles of limited government, personal freedom, free market entrepreneurship, and self-responsible individuals are what have made our nation great. Illini Republicans seeks to spread this message on campus and to educate the student body as to why these ideals are important for the preservation of our nation. In addition, we actively campaign and advocate for the Republican candidates at all levels of government who embody these values and beliefs.

Why do students join the organization? and what are the benefits of joining?

What is so unique and remarkable about Illini Republicans is the diversity in our membership. Students join for a multitude of reasons from wanting to actively campaign for candidates to wanting to learn more about the Republican Party and what it stands for. Illini Republicans provides students with opportunities to get involved with the local, state and national Republican Party. In addition, and most importantly, the networking opportunities with candidates, elected officials, and other political professionals are unlimited. Illini Republicans has been a stepping-stone for many individuals wishing to have a career in government and politics.

How was College Reps different this year due to the Presidential election?

This year has been our busiest year yet! America was at a crossroads with the Presidential election. Students who may not have been active in the past were fired up and wanted to help get the word out about Governor Mitt Romney and Congressman Paul Ryan's campaign. In addition to the Presidential race, students of the U of I witnessed a tight race for the 13th Congressional District. As students at the largest university in the district, Illini

Republicans became an integral part of Illinois Victory, a get out the vote program that assisted in Republican Rodney Davis's victory.

But Illini Republicans do not stop after the election. The organization plans on continuing to educate and spread the core American principles of limited government, personal freedom, free market entrepreneurship, and self-responsibility throughout campus for semesters to come.

What the attitude on Campus toward the Republican Candidates (both locally and nationally)?

It is no question that those who are vocal about politics on campus do not favor Republican candidates nor do they appreciate the Republican principles. What is important for students who are more Republican or conservative minded to keep in mind is that you are not alone. There is an outlet on campus to discuss and express your beliefs and the outlet is the Illini Republicans. We may seem like the more liberal students drown us out on campus; all this means is we must speak louder.

How did yourself and the organization feel about the results?

The election was bitter/sweet. The Champaign County Republican candidates did phenomenal, winning all of their county-wider races. Rodney Davis will be our next Congressman and his win prevented the Democratic Party from gaining control of the House of Representatives. It was an honor to work with each of the candidates this election cycle. We congratulate them all and wish them the best in their upcoming terms!

The Presidential race was a major disappointment and loss for America. As a nation, we are in for a wild ride and the future does not seem optimistic. However, the defeat of Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan has not quelled the Illini Republicans. It has strengthened us. You will see a more active organization on campus, educating the students about the issues that we face not only as a nation, but also as a state.

Above | Students plant flags in the ground of the quad near the union in order to raise awareness for their cause.





# Athletics

Women's Varsity Sports: 11

Men's Varsity Sports: 10

Intramural Sports: 16

Recreational space at ARC and CRCE: 470,000 square feet

Football Big Ten Championships: 15

Basketball NCAA Tournament appearances: 29





Photo by: Abigail Rogers



# Looking Forward

The 2012 football team sets goals for the future

STORY | RACHEL BUCCIERI  
PHOTO | DARYL QUITALIG & MICHAEL BOJDA  
DESIGN | ABBY BATIS & KATIE CHRZANOWSKI

The football team here at the University of Illinois is part of an everlasting tradition. Year after year, students, families, alum, and locals come to support their orange and blue. This season has been quite the transition year with new coach Tim Beckman. It is not unusual for a team to struggle quite a bit when they are trying to get acquainted to a new coach and a new philosophy.

Therefore, the coaches and players are desperately trying to keep their heads up after a season with only two wins. They started off the beginning of the year with some good victories against Western Michigan and Charleston Southern. However, as the season progresses, they can't seem to get that W on the board. They have not lost total confidence though. This season has made them more motivated and excited about what's to come. Kevin Abrahms, senior in the College of Business, is one of the assistant coaches for the Special Team.

"Though this season has been rough in terms of our record, we have seen a lot of great things happening. For example, we have seen a lot of underclassmen stepping up in leadership roles; this is certainly a good sign for the future of our program. I am sad to leave this program after this year, because I see so much potential and hope in the years to come," Abrahms said.

So all of us Illini fans who bleed orange and blue- need not give up! This year has been about improvement, adjusting, and learning; now they just need to put the pieces together for the future.

"Once he gets to recruit the players that mesh with his philosophy and the existing players really get comfortable with his routine, this team will be great," added Abrahms.

So Illini fans, don't give up hope! The football team is heading in great directions.

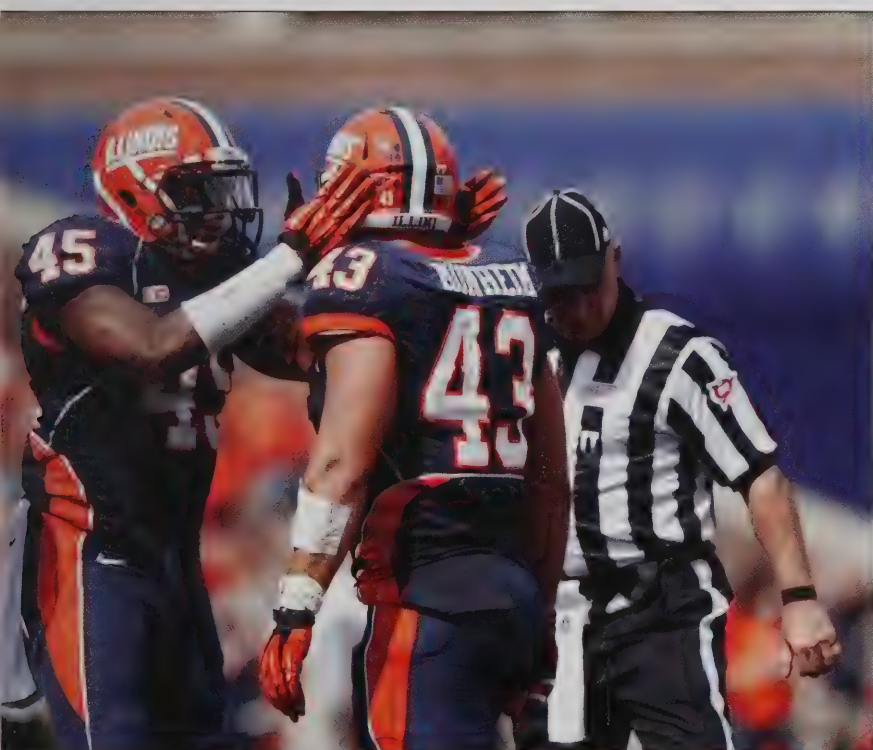


Top | Illinois' Ted Karras (69) defends Indiana's Larry Black, Jr. (97) during the game against Indiana at Memorial Stadium.



Right | Michigan's Fitzgerald Toussaint (28) tries to break through the Illinois defense during the game against Michigan at Michigan Stadium.





Top | Nathan Scheelhaase (2) dives for the goal line during the game against Indiana.

Left | Illinois' Jonathan Brown (45) acknowledges Mason Monheim (43) after a tackle during the game against Charleston Southern.

Bottom | The Illinois student section holds up colored cards during halftime of the game against Indiana.



Senior defensive lineman Justin Staples accompanies Coach Tim Beckman as he gives a speech at the 2012 Homecoming Pep Rally.





# A New Era

Coach Beckman starts his legacy as a Fighting Illini.

STORY | ALYSSA ULLRICH  
PHOTO | ABIGAIL ROGERS  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

Q: What is your favorite place to eat on campus?

A: There is such a wide variety of food choices on campus, I could never pick just one. That's one of the great things about a campus like the University of Illinois is the wide range of options and diversity of restaurants to choose from.

Q: Do you have any superstitions or pre-game rituals you partake in?

A: I wear a special watch from the national championship game I coached in a few years ago as a good luck charm.

Q: Have you always wanted to be a football coach?

A: I've been around football since I was born, and I've known from the time I was a young boy that I wanted to be a coach after my playing days were finished. I like to say I've got more than 47 years of coaching experience since I've pretty much lived it every day of my life. I can think of no finer profession than coaching, where I have a chance to have a positive impact on 105 young men each and every day.

Q: Do you have a favorite spot in Memorial Stadium?

A: Many mornings I will just sit in Sect. 131 after I arrive at the stadium in the morning and reflect on things. I find it a great spot to have some time to myself to think, reflect, and sometimes pray. It is a very comforting spot for me.

Q: What was the inspiration behind "Our state, our team"?

A: Director of Athletics Mike Thomas and his staff came up with the 'Our State, Our Team' slogan, and it is something we use every day. We want every young man who plays football in the state of Illinois to aspire to play at the University of Illinois.

Q: What's your favorite quality about the U of Ill. campus?

A: What really makes this place special is the quality of the people, whether faculty, staff or students. The great pride they take in the U of I is very clear. The academic reputation and the great tradition of the University really make this a special place."





2001 The men's golf team and also the women's golf team are shown in this photo. The men's golf team is shown in this photo. The women's golf team is shown in this photo. The men's golf team is shown in this photo. The women's golf team is shown in this photo.



# From Coach to Caddy

Associate head coach Zach Guthrie leaves the Illini to caddy for his brother at the 2013 PGA Tour

STORY | STEPHANIE KIM  
PHOTO | CHONG JIANG  
DESIGN | KATIE CHRZANOWSKI

University of Illinois' Men's Golf Team will be losing a valuable staff member at the end of the Fall 2012 semester: associate head coach Zach Guthrie. With his brother, Luke—a former Illinois All-American and two-time Big Ten champion—recently earning his PGA Tour card for 2013, Guthrie will be leaving to serve as his caddy and coach.

Over the past five seasons, Guthrie has been a key contributor to the success the Illini have accomplished. Alongside Head Coach Mike Small, Guthrie helped the Illini qualify as one of only six schools in the nation for the NCAA Championships in the past five consecutive years. Within that period, the Illini have won four consecutive Big Ten Championships and 23 total tournaments. Additionally, Guthrie has helped coach two individual NCAA champions, four All-Americans and a two-time Big Ten individual champion, his brother Luke.

As the Illini's assistant coach, Guthrie carried out various tasks including recruiting, recruiting correspondence, day to day organization of the team and the team's fundraising opportunities, travel preparation

and practice set up. He also served as the director of the Demirjian Indoor Golf Facility, coordinator of the Steve Stricker Illini Classic and liaison to the Olympia Fields/Fighting Illini Invitational. But, more importantly, Coach Small comments on the way Guthrie provided needed support for the team.

"He contributed in a lot of ways, primarily by promoting my thoughts and direction towards the team in his own ways," said Coach Small. "Zach is a very loyal and hard worker. He believes in what he does and he portrays a positive and optimistic attitude every day."

With a lasting impact on the Men's Golf Team, Guthrie leaves with the same impression he first entered with—along with encouraging words.

"Zach was a bright and intelligent young college graduate who wanted to stay within the golf industry. He was very organized and was not afraid to work. He remains the same today," said Coach Small. "Keep following your passion and desires, and your talents and ability will continue to lead you to the top."



Left | Illinois' Mason Jacobs tees off from the second hole during a team practice at Stone Creek Golf Club in Urbana.



# Shared Success

A strong bond for a strong team.

STORY | ASHLEY KAHN  
PHOTO | BRENTON TSE & DARYL QUITALIG  
DESIGN | ABBY BATIS

As the soccer season comes to an end, the women begin to reflect on their personal accomplishments, especially because it was the final season for the senior athletes. Senior Shayla Mutz's great accomplishment this season was scoring two goals on senior day.

"I had been out with an injury the previous three games, so it felt great to be able to be out there with my team again and make a difference," senior Marissa Holden said. "It was a really special day."

The team as a whole has also had many proud moments.

"Some of the most noteworthy [moments] include coming from behind to beat Indiana in the last few minutes, overcoming many injuries throughout the season, and coming from behind 2-0 against Minnesota in the first round of the B1G tournament and winning it in penalty kicks," Holden said.

But in order for the team to reach their goals, they had to put in many hours of practice. Mondays are off days, Tuesdays are fitness days, Wednesdays are technical and tactical days, Thursdays they talk about their Friday opponent, Fridays are game days, and Saturdays are recovery days for players who played many minutes on

Friday. But practice varies from the beginning and the end of the season.

"Earlier in the season, we're trying to perfect the things we do," Coach Janet Rayfield said. "Later, we work on adjusting to specific opponents."

Even with all the success this season, Rayfield enjoys her job no matter what happens.

"College coaching in general is about facilitating development of women," Rayfield said.

Deciding to come to the University of Illinois was an exciting time for Holden, and as she reflects on her past four years here, she has made life-long memories both on and off the soccer field.

"This has been an incredible experience," Holden said. "And as senior, I will remember all the moments with my awesome teammates over the years, the fall football games, the beautiful quad, and amazing professors that were there to support me in the classroom."

Just like Holden, Mutz has enjoyed her time while on campus, and she will graduate a changed person.

"This soccer program has changed my life indefinitely, and I feel blessed on a daily basis to be part of the Illini family," Mutz said.

Right | Vanessa DiBernardo (20) scores a penalty for Illinois' only goal during their 2-1 loss against Northwestern at the Illini Soccer Stadium on Thursday, Oct. 18th, 2012.







Top | The women's team huddles after a goal to keep up the energy.

Above | Illinois' defender Amy Feher (24) lunges in for the ball in an attempt to stop the cross during Illinois' 2-1 loss to Northwestern.

Left | Illinois' Nicole Breece (11) headers the ball during the game against Northwestern at Illinois Soccer Stadium on Thursday, Oct. 18, 2012.



# Everyday Champions

The Men's Cross Country team strives for success

STORY | STEPHANIE KIM  
PHOTO | DAILY ILLINI  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

The University of Illinois' men's cross country team started the season with a new addition this year. Jacob Stewart, previously the assistant coach of the men's cross country team, became the head coach this season with determination to raise a strong and competitive team.

"The major difference between being a head coach and an assistant coach is the responsibility that comes with the position. As the head coach, you're writing the training program. It's your job to properly prepare the athletes for competition," said Stewart.

As an experienced runner with records of his own, Stewart acknowledged the privilege in being the Head Cross Country Coach at the University of Illinois.

"It's a tremendous academic institution, as well as a program with a rich history of excellence that I am looking forward to adding to in the future," said Stewart. "My biggest hope for the team is to establish a level of consistency amongst many of the great teams in the NCAA. Year in and year out, I want the University of Illinois to be considered as a program that must be accounted for."

The team made Coach Stewart's hope a reality

by finishing fourth out of 29 teams at the 2012 Big Ten Championships, the highest finish for the program since 2002. Top senior runners Hunter Mickow and Jannis Topfer finished sixth and thirteenth overall, earning All-Region honors and qualifying them to compete at the 2012 NCAA Championships on Nov. 17 in Louisville, Ky. This was the first time for both runners to compete at a national level and the third time a pair of runners have ever advanced to the NCAA's in school history. An honorable mention, junior runner Jordan Herbert, who had previously qualified for the NCAA Championships last year, finished the race with a 26th place finish overall.

The Orange and Blue ended the season with a strong finish at the 2012 NCAA Championships as Hunter Mickow and Jannis Topfer placed 46th and 64th respectively. This success could not have been accomplished without progress, a goal Stewart emphasized to his team on a daily basis. Stewart explains his coaching philosophy.

"For us, it's about doing everything, all the big and little things necessary to be successful. Our program's motto is to 'Live like a champion every day'," said Stewart.





Members of the Men's Cross Country team work to pass two runners during a home meet held at the University of Illinois Arboretum. The team hopes to continue their success in the Big Ten and on the national level.



# Young Team, New Goals

The Women's Volleyball team starts fresh after graduating their top senior players.

STORY | CRYSTAL SMITH  
PHOTO | BRENTON TSE & CHONG JIANG  
DESIGN | KATIE CHRZANOWSKI

The expectations were high for the 2012 season of Illinois volleyball. The Illini were coming off a runner-up finish in the NCAA Championships in 2011.

The American Volleyball Association ranked Illinois at number 7 in their preseason poll. Last season the Illini were ranked number 2 in the country, which was the highest the program has been ranked in the history of Illinois volleyball. Head coach, Kevin Hambly, was named National Coach of the Year.

The Illini graduated four starting seniors last season, which left some holes on the floor. Five starters returned from last year's national runner up team. Coach Hambly says his team has put the 2011 season behind them.

The orange and blue didn't have quite the same success as the 2011 season. The Illini went 14-16 overall, and 8-12 in the Big Ten. Although Illinois did not qualify for postseason play, three players received postseason awards. Sophomore outside hitter, Liz McMahon, earned her first All-Big Ten Honor. Freshman outside hitter, Jocelynn Birks, received an All-Big Ten Honorable mention, and made the All-Freshman Team.

"I am excited for Liz and Jocelynn on their awards," said Head Coach Kevin Hambly. "They both work very hard to be great players and carried huge loads for us all season, and it is nice to see them honored. They both look to be great players in the Big Ten for many years to come."

And red-shirt junior, Jessica Jendryk, was awarded the Sportsmanship Award.

"Jess is a respected competitor and set a standard for all of us when it comes to sportsmanship," said Head Coach Kevin Hambly. "I am happy that she was honored for the award."

The Illini ended their 2012 season by sweeping Iowa. Illinois beat Iowa 3-0 (26-24, 25-18, 25-21) in Iowa City.

Seniors Annie Luhrsen and Erin Johnson played their last game as Illini against Iowa. Luhrsen had a total of 2,806 assists, which ranks 8th in the Illini record books. Johnson ended her career with a .311 hitting percentage, 786 kills, 445 block assists and 471 total blocks. Johnson ranks 3rd in block assists, 6th in blocks, and 11th in hitting percentage at Illinois.





Top | The Illini seniors receive flowers and pose for photos in a ceremony after their 3-1 victory over Michigan.

Above | The Illini celebrate a point during the game against Michigan.

Left | Liz McMahon (14), Annie Luhrsen (11), and Anna Dorn (5) celebrate a point during the Fighting Illini's 3-1 win over Indiana.



# Running to the Top

Illinois Women's Cross Country finishes in the top 20.

STORY | CRYSTAL SMITH  
PHOTO | DAILY ILLINI ARCHIVE  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

The Illinois Women's Cross Country team had some highs and lows to their 2012 season. The Illini finished 5th of 8 at the Illini Challenge in Urbana on Sept. 31. The Women's Cross Country team bounced back with a 1st place finish out of 6 at the Illinois Intercollegiate tournament in Normal, Ill. The Orange and Blue finished 17th out of 38 at the Pre-Nationals tournament, and 2nd out of 4 at the Illini Open.

At the Big Ten Championships, the Illini finished 9th out of 12 teams. Head coach Jeremy Rasmussen said the season was not ideal. "Overall as a team it's a bit disappointing. Our goal was to be in the top half of the race and we were in position three miles into the race. We lost some ground at the end. We need to pick each other up and stick together," said Rasmussen.

Although the team didn't place as well as they anticipated, Courtney Yaeger had a solid tournament. Yaeger finished 9th at the Forest Aker East Golf Course on Oct. 28. The senior from Wheeling, West Virginia timed 20:34, which earned her a second-team All-Big Ten honoree.

Redshirt-freshman, Alyssa Schneider, was right behind Yaeger with a time of 20:56. Schneider's time of 20:56 was her personal best 6k by a nearly a minute.

Coach Rasmussen was excited after Schneider and Yaeger's performance. "Courtney and Alyssa have shown that we are doing the right things, but in order for us to be the team we believe we can be, we need to get two/three people right," Rasmussen said.





Top | A member of the Women's Cross Country team breaks away from the pack at a home meet held at the University of Illinois Arboretum.



# The Biggest Fans

The Illinois Cheerleading team are true supporters of Illini Pride on top of being athletes.

STORY | SIDNEY MCCOMBS  
PHOTO | THE DAILY ILLINI  
DESIGN | KATIE CHRZANOWSKI

The 2012-2013 cheerleading team consisted of 34 individuals: 21 females and 13 males. The squad "supports UI intercollegiate athletics and serves as ambassadors at university functions and community events."

The Fighting Illini Cheerleaders placed 1st in Cheer and 4th in Fight Song at UCA camp in August 2012. They were among the eight other Big Ten Cheerleading Teams also in attendance.

A lot is expected of a Fighting Illini Cheerleader, explains senior member Joey Zajcew. "It takes passion and spirit, and the overall ability to be positive to cheer on a team, whether they are winning or losing. It also takes a lot of physical athletic ability, which most people don't see. As guys and girls, we lift each other and it's a combination of all the muscles, as well as technique and a lot of practice that allows us to do this. And most importantly it takes a lot of trust to believe in your team to keep you from falling and getting hurt, from messing up at games, and to be there when you need it even outside of the practices and games," said Zajcew.

Typically, an Illinois cheerleader puts 10-15 hours of work into cheerleading each week. Practices were held Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays while workouts were on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. After adding in the weekly basketball games, the members of the squad ended up seeing each other practically every day of the week.

On a game day during football season, the

cheerleaders arrive at the stadium at least two and a half hours before the game actually begins. Then they cheer the football team as they get off their bus and make their way into the stadium to play. The squad then proceeds to warm up all their various mounts, stunts and tumbling before taking a short break and then cheering throughout the game.

During the winter, the squad arrives at the basketball games an hour and a half early. They warm up on their various skills, which there happens to be less of in this season, and then they cheer through the game.

Being an Illinois cheerleader can make for very hectic days. Senior squad member Alyssa Wichmann said, "You really have to learn to manage your time well because there are going to be days when you have so much work to get done, but you are still required to be at practice and/or games." The time constraints and hard work was all worth it though, said Wichmann: "The most rewarding thing about being a cheerleader is hearing your fans yell with you. It's the coolest thing to be courtside and hear assembly hall echoing "ILL-INI." It gives me goose bumps!"

"When I look back on my college career, Illinois cheerleading is one of the biggest things I'll remember as having a huge impact on my life and helping me find myself. I cannot be thankful enough for being a part of the program and being allowed to do all the amazing things I have through this experience," said Zajcew.





Left | The cheerleaders perform their half-time routine during an Illini basketball game. Cheerleaders performed at every home basketball and football game of the 2012-13 school year.



# Exceeding Expectations

The Illinois Women's Golf team graduated five seniors last year, and the new players are filling their shoes.

STORY | CHRISTINE NICHOLSON  
PHOTO | DIVISION OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

The Illini may not have shown improvements on the scorecard this fall, but the team is making great strides to improve their short game, and scoring average.

Illinois placed in the bottom half of 3 of the 5 tournaments in the fall season. But the orange and blue placed 3rd out of 14 at the Wolverine Invitational on Sept. 22-23, and 8th out of 12 at the Hoosier Fall Invitational in Florence, Indiana on Oct. 13-14.

Although the Illini came in dead last at the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational in Austin, Texas, Head Coach Slone said the team ended the fall season on a high note. "It was great that we were able to end on a positive note. It was played on a golf course that was a good test. We had three solid rounds. Our goal is to get four each time out, so this is a step in the right direction," said Slone.

The Illini posted rounds of 312, 317, and 298, which is +63 for the tournament. The 298 score was the lowest round of the fall season for the Illini.

Sophomore Pimploy Thirati from Bangkok, Thailand, posted her career best round at the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational. On the 6,344-yard par 72 course at the University of Texas, Thirati posted a one-under 71 on the last day of the tournament. Thirati ended up at +9 for the tournament.

Coach Slone was proud of Thirati's performance. "I really think that she has realized that this game is played from the shoulders up," Slone said of the turnaround for her young player. "She played smart and steady this week, nothing flashy," said Slone.







Left | Kaitlyn Wampler, Crystal Smith and Samantha Postillon pose next to the practice green before a Women's Golf tournament.

Far Left | Crystal Smith watches her drive as she tees off at the Illinois Golf Course.

Bottom | Samantha Postillion, Ember Schuldt and Crystal Smith pose before a Women's Golf tournament.





# Setting the Bar High

...and we still jump over it

STORY | LATIFAH AL-HAZZA  
PHOTO | DARYL QUITALIG  
DESIGN | KATIE CHRZANOWSKI

The UIUC's men's gymnastics team still stands strong since its creation 1898. Coming in as number one in national rankings and number two in the Big Ten Preseason Coaches' Poll, the Fighting Illini's men's gymnastics team opens the season on a mission to earn its fifth consecutive Big Ten crown. Two gymnasts were added to the team this year. On November 15, 2012, Chandler Eggleston and Matt Foster signed to join the team for the 2013-2014 season.

The gymnasts are learning from none other than the best, by head coach, National Coach of the Year, and Big Ten Coach of the Year, Justin Spring. According to the Fighting Illini Men's Gymnastics Season Preview, Spring said, "I think we have the potential to step up...rise to the occasion at Big Tens and the NCAA Championships and make another run at a very good season. Our team is not going to be throwing up the highest start values at every meet, but we will make sure to be the most consistent team all year. That can go a long way in the postseason when the pressure is on."

## Gymnastics Events:

- Floor Exercise:** This exercise is performed on a soft 39-square foot floor pad in time to music.
- Pommel Horse:** A leather-lined cylinder with two handles in the center, paced at equal distances from each other.
- Vault:** The gymnast takes off at a run, leaps from a springboard, and bounds over a stationary vault table.
- Still Rings:** Involving the use of two rings attached to a platform and suspended from the ground.
- Parallel Bars:** Performed on two parallel handrails, the gymnast holds on to both bars to swing around and fly.
- High Bar (Horizontal Bar):** The horizontal bar is a rod suspended over the floor. The gymnast swings around and vaults over the bar.

Right | Logan Bradley hoists himself onto the pommel horse. Bradley was one of the Illini's leading gymnastics in the pommel horse category.







Jordan Valdez exhibits perfect form on the uneven bars at a tournament during the season.



# Rising Above Injury

Junior swimmer and diver Erica Lynn uses her back injury as a source of strength, not weakness

STORY | STEPHANIE KIM  
PHOTO | THE DAILY ILLINI  
DESIGN | KATIE CHRZANOWSKI

Erica Lynn, a junior of the Illini Women's Swimming and Diving team, has found success in swimming and diving since her high school years. Lynn came into Illinois with an impressive list of accomplishments: a two-year letterwinner in swimming, YMCA National qualifier (2006-09), IHSA sectionals record holder in the 100 breast (2007), recipient of the Female Breakers Swimmer of the Year (2008), YMCA state champion in the 200 IM (2007), YMCA state champion in the 100 breast and 200 IM (2009), Two-time IHSA state finalist in the 100 breast, Junior Nationals Long Course qualifier and Senior Nationals Short Course qualifier in the 100 breast (2008-09).

However, her debut as an Illini swimmer and diver was short lived after suffering a back injury early in the season. But this injury did not hinder or discourage her from improving. Rather, it did the opposite, motivating her to improve—eventually becoming Illini's top woman swimmer and diver.

"Erica comes to the pool each day and gives it her full effort, no matter how she is feeling. When she was coming back from the injury, she took it a step at a time and really progressed quickly. With more experience she has developed into a great competitor and really challenges herself to become better all the time," said Susan Novitsky, Head Coach of Illinois' Women's Swimming and Diving Team.

With diligence and a positive attitude, Lynn used the challenges she faced as a source of motivation and drive to bring her to the point of success she is at now.

"The year after her injury she made it back to the bonus final in the 200 breaststroke at the Big Ten Championships. This was a big step and helped provide the spark for her to continue pushing herself to achieve her goals," said Novitsky.

As a redshirt freshman, Lynn posted four first-place finishes on the season, led the team in the 100 breast and 200 breast to rank fifth and fourth, respectively, on the all-time fastest individuals list, captured personal bests in the 100 and 200 breast at the Big Ten Championships, 200 IM and 100 fly at the Hawkeye Invite and 200 fly at Akron, and earned a second swim in the 200 breast at the Big Ten Championships.

Lynn not only excelled in athletics, but in her academics and character as she continued to improve her sophomore year. She was honored with the Fighting Illini Spirit Award at the team awards banquet, received the Academic All-Big Ten honoree and Big Ten Distinguished Scholar Award.

"She is a compassionate, kind and smart young lady and a joy to be around," said Novitsky. "She wants what is best for the team and works hard to make that happen."





Above | Junior Erica Lynn breaks out of the water during the Fighting Illini's meet against Iowa.



# Hoop It Up

Men's basketball season defined by buzzer-beater defeat of #1 Indiana

STORY | ETHAN ASOFSKY  
PHOTO | BRENTON TSE  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

It's tough to relieve a season of brutal frustrations in .9 seconds.

Somehow, after senior forward Tyler Griffey hit a buzzer-beating layup to defeat No. 1 Indiana 74-72, it happened for the Illini men's basketball team.

Griffey, who was in the midst of an 0-for-20 slump from 3 and had become somewhat of a punch line as of late, rode atop shoulders on Thursday in Champaign.

Seniors Brandon Paul and D.J. Richardson, questioned by many for their toughness, buried their faces in their jerseys to hide cheerful tears.

First-year head coach John Groce, who had become an expert on disappointing press conferences over the Illini's recent dismal stretch, they'd lost six of their last seven games, led the crowd of overjoyed Illini fans in a huddle after they poured from the bleachers onto the court once Griffey's layup fell through the net.

A season may have turned around in .9 seconds. Not an easy thing to do.

"We ran an out of bounds play — one of our standard ones that we've been running since the beginning of the year," Griffey said. "I didn't expect ... (Cody) Zeller and (Christian) Watford both right in front of me, and I kind of went through them. They both stayed there."

Illinois was down as much as 14 in the second half Thursday, but Groce's team fought back with a 12-2 run to close the game, something the Illini have failed at again and again over the last month.

In the end, it was Richardson who came away with a steal with less than eight seconds remaining.

National Defensive Player of the Year candidate Victor Oladipo chased him down the court and swatted the ball out of bounds on Richardson's layup attempt with less than a second remaining in the game. Then came the inbound. Griffey snuck behind Indiana big men Zeller and Watford, Paul found him on a pass from the baseline, and the rest is history.

But the Illini never would have been in a position to win if it wasn't for Paul and Richardson, who accounted for 10 of the Illini's last 12 points.

Assembly Hall realized what could be possible once Richardson hit back-to-back 3's to draw the Illini within two with 2:04 remaining and then hitting the tying jumper with just over a minute left in regulation.

Oladipo briefly quieted the crowd with a contested layup

as the clock ticked down to :50, but the Illini put the ball in the hands of Paul, who carried them through the early part of the season.

After driving the lane and nearly completing a 3-point play, Paul headed to the free-throw line and banked-in the first attempt, rocking the Hall to its core.

"Prayer," Groce said after the game.

"It left my hand, and I was like, 'Good Lord,'" Paul said.

"But it went in and I was like, 'All right, let me calm down.' D.J. just told me, 'You've been here before.' It got me back. If you noticed, I had a lot of fun this game."

Paul drained the second attempt to tie the game. The Illini's final defensive stand ended with the ball in Richardson's hands, flying down the court with seconds remaining.

Illinois stayed with Indiana through much of the first half until it looked like the wheels had finally fallen off against the nation's top-ranked team. The Illini had blown strong early first-half efforts just in losses to Wisconsin and Michigan, and Thursday was no different. Indiana headed into the half with a 41-29 lead on the heels of a 22-10 run.

But this time, the Illini stayed even keel.

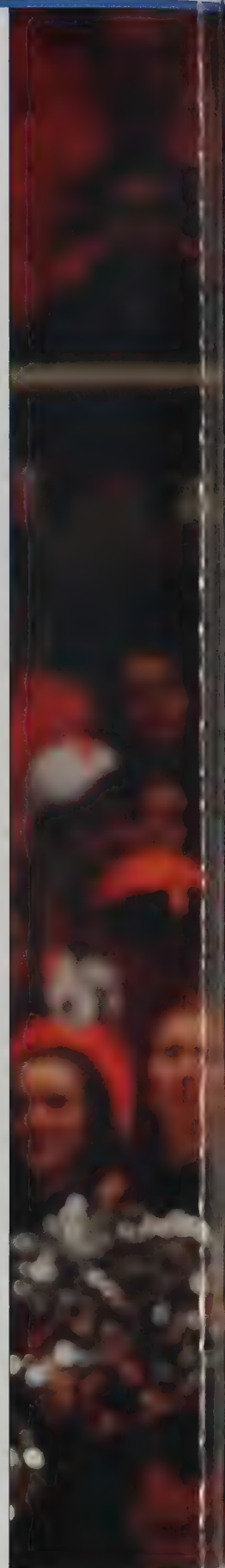
Despite its best efforts to prod at the lead in the early going of the second half, Illinois never drew the game closer than six until Richardson's first 3 that started the run with 2:52 remaining in the game.

In the end, it was Illinois' seniors — Griffey, Richardson and Paul, the faces of the class of 2009 — that gave it its third win over a top-ranked team in the program's history. The last time the Illini accomplished the feat was against Wake Forest on Dec. 1, 2004, and Michigan State on Jan. 11, 1979, before then.

"We were basically telling each other, 'We're not done yet, we've been through a tough stretch,'" Paul said. "The fact that we all contributed, the seniors that came in at the same time, I think it says a lot about our character."

Paul and Griffey were both in a rut entering Thursday's game. After much discussion among the two and Richardson about not going down with a fight, Paul texted Griffey on Wednesday with two words: "Make shots."

Griffey arguably made the biggest shot of his life on Thursday, and now everything's in play again. Because of those .9 seconds.







Above | Illinois' Brandon Paul (3) signals down-court to his teammates during the Fighting Illini's win over Indiana at Assembly Hall, on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2013.



Below Left | Coach Groce  
looks on as his team fights  
for a win early in the season.

Below Right | Coach Groce  
waits by the bench as The  
Illini Men's Basketball team  
inbounds the ball.





# A New Face In Town

Coach Groce draws on the strength of Illini Nation for inspiration.

STORY | ASHLEY KAHN  
PHOTO | DAILY ILLINI PHOTO  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

As the new school year begins, the University of Illinois welcomes the new students. This year, however, the campus also welcomed John Groce, the new men's head basketball coach.

Groce has been an assistant coach at various universities such as North Carolina State University, Butler University, Xavier University, The Ohio State University, and more recently he has been the head coach at Ohio University. Along the way, he has been awarded various awards. To Groce, coaching is not about the awards, but rather how he changes the lives of his players.

"We've made an impact for 19 plus years on students' growth and development," Groce said.

Groce has three expectations for the team this season including establishing himself as a coach, making everyday count and matter, and keeping a defensive mindset.

Although all the preparation that goes into the game is key, Groce still has a few good luck charms. On

game day, he allows his two sons to pick out what tie he wears. Groce is a big coffee drinker, so he heads over to Starbucks before a game, and before heading over to Assembly Hall, he works out and takes a nap.

Although Groce is a basketball coach, he has always thought about what it would be like to be a football coach since he loves routine and is interested in how the coaches run their team.

"[I] admire [the] way coaches run 85 players, not 13," Groce said.

When Groce is not busy with his team at practice during on and off season, as well as traveling to games, he takes advantage of the many eateries around campus. Since he and his family moved to the Champaign-Urbana area in March 2012, he has had the opportunity to try various places, but he goes to some more than others.

"Places I probably go to the most [are] Flat Top, Potbelly, Legends, and Chipotle," Groce said.









# Feel the Rush

The Women's Gymnastics team sets their competition goals high.

STORY | AMANDA ADREANI  
PHOTO | DARYL QUITALIG  
DESIGN | KATIE CHRZANOWSKI

Members of the Women's gymnastics team joke that they will become adrenaline junkies after they graduate. They love the rush they get from their sport. Alina Weinstein is a senior in Liberal Arts and Sciences. She said, "I absolutely love the feeling of learning a new skill. It gets my adrenaline going. I can't get that feeling from anything else I do."

Amber See, a junior in the College of Media, agrees with her teammate. "There is no weirder feeling than before and after you do your routine. The nerves are hard so explain; it's a mix of excitement and fear," she said.

## Worth It

The gymnasts have practice five days a week, at least four hours at a time. Afterwards, they have their schoolwork to worry about. The girls plan out all of their spare time to balance their obligations. "We're on a strict schedule with no down time," said Sunny Kato, a sophomore in Liberal Arts and Sciences.

"It takes a lot to be a college athlete. Everyone on the team is extremely motivated to do well," said See. While the schedule can be tiring, Weinstein knows it is worthwhile. She said, "it makes my day better to see my teammates working out as hard as I do. I do it for

them." Every practice is important. Weinstein said, "We're fighting for every tenth [of a point]."

## All Year Long

Becoming the Big Ten champions is always a team goal. The gymnasts train all year and remain on campus during the summer. See said, "we stay in shape here and stay motivated together."

The team travels to compete almost every weekend during the spring season. Places as far as Nebraska and Arizona are on the schedule this year. Weinstein loves the time spent together on road trips. "I can be my total self with [the team] and they love me for it," she said.

Spending so much time with each other creates strong bonds. "You know you have fourteen girls that can relate to anything you're going through," said See.

## Live to Compete

Kato looks forward to competitions for the atmosphere of the crowd and for the unity of her team. She said, "we put so much excitement into the whole [competition] by constantly cheering. People lose their voices by the end." The team members are continually supportive during competitions. Kato said, "No matter



Far Left | Heather Foley gains her poise and strength of the balance beam exercise.

Left | Gabrielle Nguyen reaches the stunt portion of her beam routine.

Top | Jaclyn Kantecki does the splits while in the air during her floor routine.



# High Expectations

The Men's Wrestling team hopes to use individual success to achieve success.

STORY | CRYSTAL SMITH  
PHOTO | JESSICA SKOGH  
DESIGN | ABBY BATIS

The expectations are set high for the Illinois wrestling team. Last year's squad came in fourth in the Big Ten Championships, had four All-Americans, and placed seventh in the NCAA Championships. The Illini are planning on continuing their success this year under head coach Jim Heffernan.

The orange and blue will host the Big Ten Championships for the 12 wrestling conference teams at Assembly Hall for the first time since 2001.

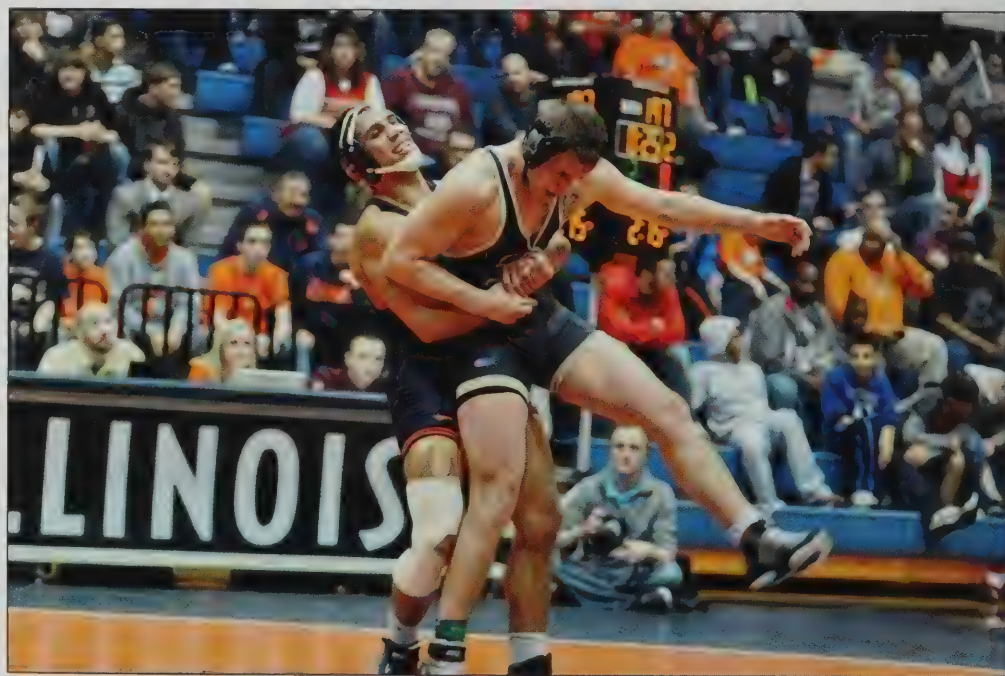
All four All-Americans will be returning to this year's squad: Jesse Delgado, B.J. Futrell, Conrad Polz and Jordan Blanton. The Big Ten Champion, Mario Gonzalez

will also be returning to the 2012-2013 season as an Illini.

The Illini had their season opener on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at the Lorus Opener in Dubuque, Iowa. Illinois took home 7 titles, and 5 placed in the top four of their weight classes.

"I think the guys wrestled hard," head coach Jim Heffernan said. "Some guys like Olivieri showed a lot of improvement and guys scored a bunch of bonus points, which is something we need to continue as the year progresses. Overall it was a good start for an early season tournament."

Left | Illini wrestler Tony Dallago takes down a Purdue opponent.







Top | Illini Wrestler Jesse Delgado sophomore in DGS gains position on his opponent during a match by pinning from down low.



Right | James Kennedy Member of the men's wrestling team pins a member of Nebraska during a match this season.



# New Beginnings

The women's basketball team strives to be the best through the guidance of their new coach

STORY | ASHLEY KAHN  
PHOTO | BRENTON TSE  
DESIGN | KATIE CHRZANOWSKI

With their first game on October 30, 2012 against Marian University, the team is satisfied with their season so far. However, senior Karisma Penn has high hopes for the team this year.

"Of course we all wish our record was a little better, but it's all about changing the culture here," Penn said. "I think coming into the season, we understood it might take time."

With this, the team will be able to continue perfecting their skills with their daily seven a.m. warm-ups and seven-thirty a.m. practices. At practice, the athletes get to work on what they feel needs improvement.

"We discuss specifically what we want to work on that day and then go through rigorous drill work to get better in those said areas," Penn said.

And with the season underway, Penn has high hopes that the team will move up in their rankings.

"I just want the team to be competitive on a

consistent basis in the Big Ten," Penn said.

She even has a goal of becoming one of the best teams in the United States.

"If we strive to be in the upper echelon of teams in the Big Ten, the program will naturally be one of the top programs in the nation," Penn said.

Although they will begin playing their Big Ten rivals later in the season, the team had the chance to travel to the Bahamas over Thanksgiving break. There, they played against Tulsa University and Iowa State University. This gave the team the opportunity to have more playing time, but also the chance to bond as a team while off the court.

But even with all their practice, the team has a good luck ritual before each game.

"Before the game, we huddle up and sing Lil Wayne's 'No Worries'," Penn said. "It's kind of the theme song for the season."

Right | Members of the Women's Basketball team sit on the bench anxiously watching the score.

Far Right | Karisma Penn makes a shot at a game against Bradley.









# Love All

The women's tennis team will host the NCAA tournament in May and hopes to participate

STORY | AMANDA ADREANI  
PHOTO | PHOTOGRAPHER'S NAME  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

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"We spend so much time with each other and we know each other so well. It's like a family," said Kopinski. The team dynamic is strengthened by the friendships among the girls. She said, "we all live with each other. It's a big plus."

In May, the university is hosting the NCAA championship for men's and women's tennis. The top sixteen college teams compete in this tournament. This will be the first time it is held in the Midwest. Michelle Dasso has been the head coach of women's tennis for six and a half years. According to Dasso, a major goal of this spring season is "to find a way to play in the event."

There is a fall season and a spring season. The fall is based on each girl individually. The players compete to build up their personal ranking. In the spring, the team competes together against other schools.

The schedule is quite involved during the spring. Each week, the players condition for two mornings and lift weights for two mornings. They have classes from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. They practice in the afternoon six days a week. Dasso said, "I expect competitive drive and passion in every practice."

The players meet with a nutritionist regularly and have set sleep schedules. Each girl has two individual lessons a week, focusing on technique with a coach. Allison Falkin, a junior in Liberal Arts and Sciences, said the scheduling "forces you to be really good at time management."

Melissa Kopinski is sophomore in the Division of General Studies. She said, "we all live with each other. It's a big plus." The team dynamic is strengthened by the friendships among the girls. Kopinski said, "We spend so much time with each other and we know each other so well. It's like a family."

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There are usually two dual meets each weekend. Tennis travels the most out of any college sport. Tournaments will be held in Los Angeles and New York this year. At the end of the season, the team will hopefully be playing on their own campus. Competing in the NCAA "on our home court would be an advantage for us," said Falkin. If the team achieves this goal, Kopinski said, "It would be amazing to play in front of all my friends and family."





Top | Audrey O'Connor gets in position to return the ball during a singles match.

Far Left | An Illini tennis player winds up for a powerful serve.

Left | Allison Falkin finds her perfect body stance to return the serve.

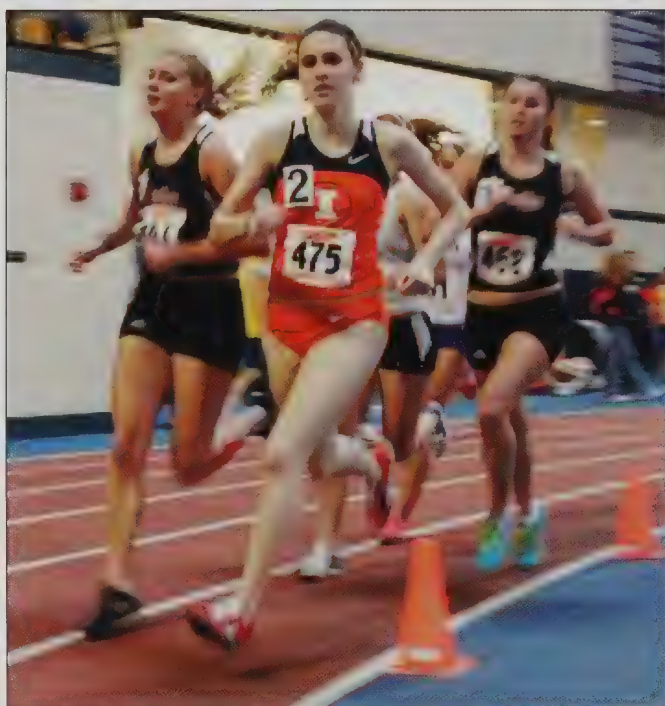




Top | An athlete sprints in the Armory track to warm up for a race.

Right | An Illini track team member sprints during the 400m race.

Far Right | An Illini trackstar gets ready for the long jump event.





# High Goals

The women's track team capitalizes on new and returning talent.

STORY | CRYSTAL SMITH  
PHOTO | BRETT HOFACKER  
DESIGN | KATIE CHRZANOWSKI

Women's track is focusing on carrying on their success. Last year was one of the most successful years in women's track history, and head coach Tonja Buford-Bailey is carrying on the tradition.

"We want to focus more on winning as a team and bringing home trophies," Buford-Bailey said. "Last year our focus was improving from what our successes were from the years past as we accomplished that."

The sprint team is highly qualified. Returning for her sophomore year, NCAA and World Junior Champion, Ashley Spencer will compete for the Illini.

"It's not a secret anymore that Ashley is a very special athlete," Buford-Bailey said. "She is one of the most versatile sprinters in the country with a range of 100-400m who can also hurdle. She is such a tough and dedicated competitor that I definitely expect her to have another stellar season."

Newcomers, Morolake Akinosun, Lauren Hollingsworth, Mobolaji Adeokun, and sophomore Asia

Thomas will compete for the sprint team.

Competing in the hurdles event will be junior's Jesica Ejiesieme and Breeana Coleman.

"Jesica and Breeana are expected to step up for us in the hurdles," Buford-Bailey said. "They are both looking forward to scoring in the NCAA final this season. Their goals are big and they've both worked really hard this fall."

Samantha Murphy, Amanda Duvendack and Chloe Schimdt will compete on the middle distance squad. Also, contributing are newcomers Lindsey Rakosnik and transfer Ahlivia Spencer.

Head coach Tonja Buford Bailey says the Illini are prepared for a top spot in the country. "We moved up in scoring with our indoor and outdoor Big Ten finishes but this year we are focusing on the top spot," said Buford-Bailey.



# Bat Boys

The baseball team aspires to reclaim the Big Ten title

STORY | AMANDA ADREANI  
PHOTO | MELISSA MCCABE & CHONG JIANG  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

When the coaching staff is recruiting for the Illini baseball team, they search for natural athletes. According to Davis Hendrickson, a senior in Business, this fills the team roster with "complete players in all aspects of the game."

As members of the baseball team, the players must consent to a structured schedule that differs from that of other students. Luke Joyce is a junior in Applied Health Sciences. He said, "every day, seven days a week, I know exactly what I am going to do and when I will be doing it." From conditioning in the mornings to afternoon practices to logging required study hours, their days follow a strict plan.

Study hours must be completed before they leave to travel for the weekend. Early into their season, they fly out on Thursdays to play in warmer environments. The team drives to compete at closer locations. This can be quite strenuous, especially with long road trips. Hendrickson said, "we'll get back to Champaign late Sunday night or early Monday morning, get a little sleep, and then wake

up for class Monday morning."

Despite the demanding schedule, having the opportunity to travel across the country is enjoyable for the team. Thomas Lindauer, a junior in Liberal Arts and Sciences, has fond memories of playing various games to pass the time spent on buses and in airports. The team favorite is called "Mafia."

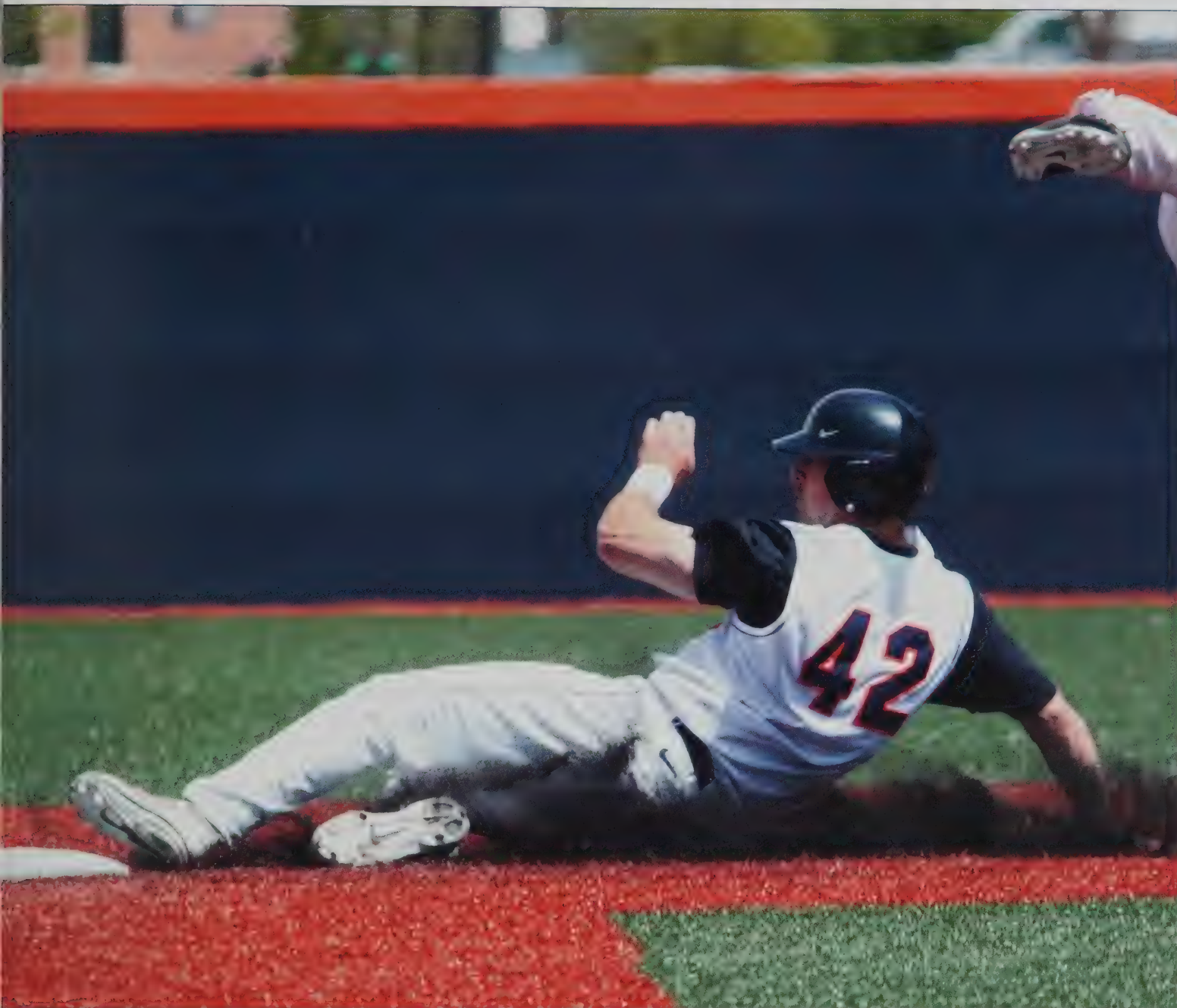
The evident dedication fosters close bonds among the team members. Lindauer said, "If you see one of us, you will see at least four or five more around at the same time." Lindauer feels that the team provides a "sense of belonging." He said, "you have a good group of guys around all the time and they are always there for you if you need them."

The team is aspiring to win the Big Ten Championship this year. Joyce, Hendrickson and Lindauer contributed to the Illini winning the title back in 2011. They hope to achieve this feat again. Joyce said of the current team, "we have a great deal of talent and a ton of depth that should propel us really far this year."

Right | Drasen Johnson (35) pitches during the third inning of the game against Illinois State, held at Illinois Field on Tuesday, April 17, 2012.







Top | Willie Argo (42) avoids being tagged by an Ohio State player during the game against Ohio State at Illinois Field on Sunday, April 22.



Far Left | Teammates congratulate Illinois' Drasen Johnson (35) after he is relieved by Luke Joyce (30) during the seventh inning of the game against Illinois State, held at Illinois Field on Tuesday, April 17, 2012.



Left | Brandon Hohl (3) ducks to avoid being hit by a pitch during the game against Ohio State at Illinois Field.



# The Road to NCAAs

The men's tennis team strives to win on a big stage and their home court.

STORY | CRYSTAL SMITH  
PHOTO | JONATHAN DAVIS  
DESIGN | KATIE CHRZANOWSKI

The Illinois men's tennis team have a lot to look and work forward to this season. The University of Illinois will host the NCAA National Championships in May at the Atkins Tennis Center on Kirby Street.

The orange and blue opened their season ranked 16th in the country by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Five players from last year's successful squad have returned to compete for the 2013 season. Last season the Illini won their first Big Ten title in 7 years, and graduated Dennis Nevolo and Roy Kalmanovich.

"It's a huge loss, said head coach Brad Dancer. "Both Nevolo and Kalmanovich played a one-two punch for us and gave the team an edge in any match. We look to fill that void this year by committee. This Illini squad will need to exhibit great work ethic and character."

Looking to fill that void will be seniors Bruno Abdelnour and Stephen Hoh. Abdelnour had 25 singles matches victories in the 2012 season, and was ranked 15th in the region.

"Bruno is the consummate student athlete as he exudes true professionalism. He loves to battle and he wants to be out on the court fighting for the Illini. His character will help drive this team."

Hoh had a career high 23 wins and was ranked 20th regionally last year. Hoh and Abdelnour has the only win in the Sweet 16 match at NCAAs.

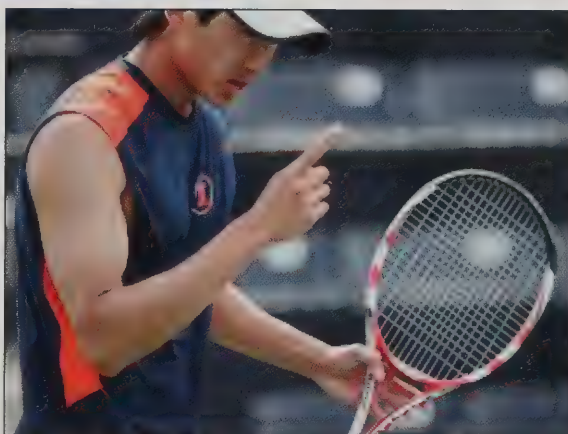
"Stephen is starting to peel out of his own skin as he is developing more of an identity and more of his own personality out there. He has the skills to be great."

Sophomores, Farris Gosea, Tim Kopinski and Ross Guignon will be competing for the Illini. Freshmen Brian Page, Alex Jesse and Julian Childers, will be joining the Illini family.

The Illini will kick off their season at the Illini Open on Jan. 11 in Fort Myers, Fl. The tournament will host No. 40 North Carolina State, No. 12 Florida and No. 59 Georgia Tech.

The Illini Open will kick off their road to NCAAs in Champaign-Urbana at their own Atkins Tennis Center.





Top | Illinois Alex Jesse (FR), waits for the ball to come down during a serve at the Atkins Tennis Center against Tennessee Friday Jan 25, 2013.

Left | A tennis player extends his racket for a powerful serve.

Right | Stephen Hoh mentally prepares before a match.



# Play by Play

The women's softball team extends their skills off the field.

STORY | NICHOLAS FORTIN & LATIFAH AL-HAZZA  
PHOTO | THE DAILY ILLINI  
DESIGN | ABBY BATIS

After what was a rough start the Illinois softball team began to turn a new leaf. After an 0-4 tournament loss, the Illini won two of five games at the USF Under Armour Invitational in Tampa, Fla., and continued to progress as a team.

"I think as a team we got better as the weekend got on," senior pitcher Pepper Gay said. "We didn't reach our goals, but we showed that we improved, especially in the way we played (Sunday) compared to Friday." Illinois started off the invitational with a 5-4 loss to No. 19 Kentucky in extra innings and a 3-2 loss against South Florida. Junior Alex Booker, who went 3-for-4 against Kentucky and 11-for-17 on the weekend, said the Illini hit their stride offensively during the three-day tournament. "I think we came out a lot better this weekend," she said. "The offense was a lot more explosive, which is the way I like to see it. We're a very athletic team. We like to run, and we did that this weekend. We just used what we had as a team collectively and found our identity this weekend."

"We're coming together as a team and playing solid ball all around," Booker said. Head coach Terri Sullivan agreed with Booker that the Illini are improving their hitting with runners on, but said they need to be more aggressive at the plate.

"We were getting runners on again, which we did last weekend, but we couldn't get more than that one

clutch hit to score more than one run early," Sullivan said. "It was a goal of ours to score first, and we did do that in multiple games this weekend, but we needed to strike again."

Defense was also a positive for the Illini, who turned a double play in the tournament, something they have been practicing for all year.

"We played really good defense this weekend," Gay said. "We turned a double play, and we got a lot of lead outs and that's something we had been stressing in practice."

The defense helped bail out Gay's six walks against Toledo.

"That last game we put it all together, so I'd be really just to see us play the way we did against Providence all the time," Booker said.

For the tournament as a whole, Sullivan thought the team played well.

"We executed the short game, put the ball in play, stole bases, moved runners and we were able to get some big clutch hits from Jess Perkins and Alex Booker, specifically when things were tight," she said. "Our reserves were phenomenal, our relief pitchers pitched well, we had good contributions from our pinch hitters and runners and our team was out there ready to make plays."





#### UIUC Softball Gives Back:

Not only is the women's softball team great on the field, they also are great in the community. The women's softball team has participated in numerous community service projects in the community. The team visits local children on the pediatric floor of Carle Hospital as well as the children at Yankee Ridge Elementary School's after school program. The team also participated in the "Step Out to Fight Diabetes" walk and hosted a clinic with the Tom Jones Challenger League.



Top | Alex Booker gets congratulated by teammates after her scored a run.

Above | Coach Danielle Zymkowitz shows the girls how to get the post power out of their wings.



# Right on Track

The men's track team has the talent and coaching to win big

STORY | LUCY BRACE  
PHOTO | BRENT HOFACKER  
DESIGN | KATIE CHRZANOWSKI

Before the 2013 Track & Field season started, the men's team was gearing up to get on the track and compete. Head coach Mike Turk says his team is much more balanced this year than it has been in past years.

"I feel like there's a good balance on the team this year; the past few years have been a little top heavy in sprints and hurdles with Andrew Riley," Turk said.

Overall the team has a group of participants that Turk expects will be strong leaders in their own personal events this season.

Brandon Stryganek, who runs sprints, Turk says will carry a load for the team in short sprints. Stephon Pamilton, who also runs sprints, is a transfer student this year and will be running the longer sprints.

Vanier Joseph, who runs hurdles and was a red-shirt last season, was a national qualifier as a sophomore. Turk said, "We are looking forward to having Vanier back on the track this year."

Ryan Lynn, distance runner, Turk believes is ready for a break through this season and to possibly do something on the national level.

Hunter Mickow a national qualifier this year, Jordan Bebert a national qualifier last year and Jim Riddle

a national qualifier last year are all distance runners. Jannis Toepfer, distance runner, is just coming off of a great cross-country season.

Davis Fracker, thrower, was a 2nd team All-American as a freshman for indoors. Brandon Noe also throws in the field events.

Matt Bane, Cody Klein, Josh Hodur are the pole vault leaders.

The team has set some solid goals to work towards over the course of their season. They hope to finish in the top four in the Big 10 for the outdoors portion of the season, which is a big step up from last year's finish. Turk sees the outdoor season as the team's primary goal. The indoor team is really young this year and they hope to finish better than last year. The team's goal in the NCAA is to finish in the Top 20.

Coach Turk expects the strongest events for the team to be pole vault, sprints and hurdles. Horizontal, long and triple jumps are events he feels the team might struggle with this season.

"We really only have one guy in that area. Brandon has a chance to do something for us; he's really looked good this fall," Turk said about the weaker event.

Right | Members of the Men's track team compete in the 100 meter hurdles.







Above Left | Zebo Zebe (611) competes in the 600 Meter Run during the Orange and Blue Open.

Above | Brett Ramirez (604) competes in the Weight throw.

Left | Steve Monte (602) competes in the Pole Vault during the Orange and Blue Open.



# Illini On Ice

The men's hockey team proves they are more than a club sport.

STORY | RACHEL BUCCIERI  
PHOTO | THE DAILY ILLINI  
DESIGN | ABBY BATIS

Right down on the street of Fourth and Armory, there is a team that practices day in and day out. Though the team is not a registered university squad, they are certainly a force to be reckoned with. They are a member of the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) at the ACHA Division I level. The team operates as a Registered Student Organization (RSO) at the University of Illinois. The team practices at least 2-3 times a week at 9:00 at the ice arena located right on campus. Right now the team is 14-10, and they are extremely happy with how they are doing. Anthony Carlsen, senior player on the team, says that they are very happy with the improvement and the progress of the season. There have been no blow-outs, and every game has been fun for spectators to watch. He did say that the reasoning behind many of their losses is due to injuries.

"As we approach semester break, we are looking to get our full roster healthy in order to surge forward next semester in an attempt to win our school's third

National Championship and first since 2008. As a senior, it is an unfortunate realization that these will be our last weekends of competitive hockey, so it is important for us to do everything in our power to get to the National Championship game," says Carlsen.

Once they get all of the players back and healthy they plan to come out strong for the remainder of their season.

They have a young squad, so the team has high hopes for the future. Carlsen will sadly be graduating this coming spring along with two other Seniors, but that will not keep them off the ice. "A few of us are looking to keep the dream alive after graduation where we will be playing for the Rockford Warthogs semi-professional league, where we lock down a rock solid salary of approximately \$8,000 per year. It's not about the money for us," says Carlsen. Semi-professional- not too shabby! They are all excited to delve into the second half of the season and their futures in the sport after school as well.



The referees are needed to intervene when an Illini player gets physical with a Purdue player.



Coach Fabbrini makes a time out to speak of an offensive strategy.





Top | John Olen advances toward the opponent's goal with possession of the puck.

Above | Anthony Carlsen looks for an open teammate.

Left | Mike Evans sprints down the rink during a game against Ohio University.



# Groundbreakers

Wheelchair basketball is not only the first program in the country, but one of the most successful

STORY | ASHLEY KAHN  
PHOTO | THE DAILY ILLINI  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

When University of Illinois students think of the various sporting events they can go out and support, Women's Wheelchair Basketball comes to mind for many. Being the campus where the sport first began, the program has stayed strong and kept a reputation that draws many athletes to the program. For senior Megan Blunk, she found out about the campus' program after attending her first Wheelchair basketball camp in Texas.

"After learning of the highly respected reputations of the coaches and the immense amount of opportunities that the wheelchair athletics program has to offer here, I knew right away that coming to the University of Illinois was the best decision I could make," Blunk said.

Although the University and many students have shown support to the sport, Blunk and many of her teammates wish that others understood the game more. One critical aspect of Wheelchair Basketball that most are unaware of is the functional classification point system.

The system assigns players a number one through four depending on their level of disability, and only up to 14 points per team are allowed on the floor at a time. A classification of one is given to players with the least

amount of muscle function.

"[These players may not have] abdominal muscles or [have] certain muscles [that are] weaker than others," Blunk said.

On the other hand, a classification of four is given to those players with the greatest amount of muscle function.

"[This consists] of disabilities such as knee surgeries, people who have had a leg amputated, and other disabilities with a higher level of function," Blunk said.

As for Blunk, she has a classification of three, but she did not acquire her disability until a few years ago.

"I was injured just four years ago in a motorcycle accident where I broke my back and became paralyzed from the waist down," Blunk said.

Blunk played various sports prior to her injury, so she did not want her disability to prohibit her from doing what she enjoys. Although she has only been playing for one year, she has learned a lot thus far and has become more confident in her abilities.





Top | A member of the Illinois Women's Wheelchair Basketball team passes the ball to a teammate.



Left | Wheelchair basketball finished the 2012-2013 season with a record of 5-5.



# Goal!

Club soccer builds bonds that extend beyond the field.

STORY | AMANDA ADREANI  
PHOTO | THE DAILY ILLINI  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

The club soccer team enjoyed a successful season. Every grade level is represented in this eighteen-member team. The players have majors ranging from Psychology to Political Science to Civil Engineering. Despite their academic differences, they all share a love for their sport.

The team holds practices at least two days a week for two hours. There are one or two matches every weekend during their fall season, leading up to the Regional championship and National tournament. It was an achievement for the team to qualify for the Regional tournament in Indianapolis, Indiana. The team went on to win the entire tournament. They beat Michigan State in the semi-final game and Ohio State in the final game.

The team advanced to the Nationals in Memphis, Tennessee. They moved into the quarter-finals and lost to the champion team, Michigan State. The team had a strong record this season with 14-2-1. Their only loss was in the final game at this tournament.

Martín Musuruana is a senior in LAS. "Traveling to Memphis was a blast," he said, "we carpooled and all

stayed at the same hotel so it was great team bonding."

Masuruana was elected as the team president this year. With this position, "I was able to put my own ideas into the team and have the chance to see how they played out," he said.

At times it was a challenging role. According to Masuruana, "sometimes not everyone is on the same page and so it takes a lot of hard work and patience to make sure everyone agrees on certain things."

Another position is the "elected coach who runs practice and tactics as well as squad selection," said Stephen Grace, a senior in LAS. Additionally, "the coach takes input from more seniors members of the team," he said.

Grace enjoys being a part of club soccer not only for "the democratic nature of the team" but also "the high level of competition."

Musuruana has enjoyed his time on the team because of the "life long friendships I have made and just being able to play soccer as much as possible."

Right | Two members of the Illini Club Soccer team scrimmage during practice. Scrimmage games were typical during practice.







Top | Gerrigh Tejelle fits for the ball as he knocks the defender down.

Left | Mark Zerland puts his best foot forward as he gets ready for a corner kick.

Above | Matt Zekesek holds possession of the ball during a game against Northwestern.



# Hard Hitters

The men and women's rugby clubs play hard to popularize the sport

STORY | CHRISTINE NICHOLSON  
PHOTO | THE DAILY ILLINI  
DESIGN | ABBY BATIS

## Women's Rugby

Loud voices yell across the quad "Join Women's Rugby!" "Tackle girls!" Members of the women's rugby team have a strong recruiting effort in the fall in hopes of gathering new talent from campus. Established as a club sport at the University in 1975, the team has been an outlet for young women looking for a more aggressive, fast-paced sport than the limited offerings they usually receive. While most of the physical contact is usually reserved for the male athletes, women are able to participate in an aggressive and often physical exercise via rugby. The team proves they are more than just a club by consistently winning matches and placing highly in the Midwest Rugby Football Union.



Above | Women's club rugby players scrimmage during practice.

## Men's Rugby

"Rugby may be considered a rough sport, but community comes first." This is a phrase that describes Illinois men's rugby dedication to their philanthropic partnerships on campus. The team has been linked to the World Wide Book Drive, Polar Plunge, St. Baldrick's and Donors for Life Blood Drives. The team focuses on creating a group atmosphere off the field through this community service in order to strengthen their relationships on the field or "pitch," the official rugby term. The tough and very physical sport of rugby has been consistently growing on campus with open tryouts and practices. The team achieved great success in the 1980's that has not been emulated yet, but with the great amount of talent being recruited every year, they hope to reach the same level of success in the immediate future.



Right | Illini offense tries to avoid a penalty while traveling up the field.





Two rugby players fight for the ball to secure the Illini defense.





Krista Paplaczek, junior in LAS,  
practices at the Florida and  
Lincoln Complex Fields.



# Making Transitions

STORY | CHRISTINE NICHOLSON  
PHOTO | MEGAN MORAN  
DESIGN | ABBY BATIS

## Men's Lacrosse

Teamwork, discipline and communication. These are just a few of things that the men's lacrosse new head coach, Ben Coughlin is bringing to the team. After an incredible run to the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association Nationals as one of the top 16 teams in the country last spring the team strives to make it even farther in 2013. Coughlin has the experience and discipline they need to get there. As a former collegiate lacrosse player from Kansas State, and officer in the United States Navy he is not new to hard work and the success it brings.

"The vibe is nice and the students are similar. Champaign reminds me a lot of Manhattan (location of Kansas State University) which is incredible," Coughlin said.

Feeling at home already will only be an advantage the team as they prepare to take on their big goals.

"Having a goal and a plan and executing is what leads to success," Coughlin said.

## Women's Lacrosse

After two year's with their beloved coach, Colleen Symansky who was a graduate student in engineering and business, the women's lacrosse team was forced to move forward after she graduated in 2012. Symansky was the first non-undergraduate student the team had ever experienced as a coach. Besides these lack of resources, however, the team always managed to rank highly amongst other club teams. Although the team is not recognized as a member of the NCAA players believe that is in their future.

Looking ahead the team plans to work to their goal by hosting tournaments in Champaign, and consistently ranking in the top 10.

Right | Krista Paplaczky and Sarah Hidder



Far Right | Sarah Hidder, senior in ACES, has played on the team since her freshman year.





# Campus Traditions

University established: 1867

Renamed "University of Illinois": 1885

Illinois Loyalty first performed: March 3, 1906

First homecoming football game: October 15, 1910

Oskee Wow-Wow written: 1911

First Dad's Day: 1920

First Mom's Day: 1921

Chief Illiniwek mascot: 1926-2007











Above | The newly renovated Lincoln Hall opened for classes during the Fall 2012 semester.

Many students who had not stepped foot inside the building were now able to enjoy the newly restored facilities and additions to the building, which is the embodiment of Illinois history and tradition.

Right | The new Lincoln Hall sign is displayed on the East side of the building. A signature black sign is displayed outside of every academic building on campus.





# A Vault of Traditions

Lincoln Hall reopens and reveals past Illinois traditions

STORY | KAI CHEN  
PHOTO | BRIANNE LENZ  
DESIGN | ABBY BATIS

Lincoln Hall is one of the 11 buildings that make up the main Quad of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, which was built to honor the 100th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth. The building housed the departments of Sociology, Communication and Political Science, as well as the offices of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The renovated building was open to all students in the fall of 2012.

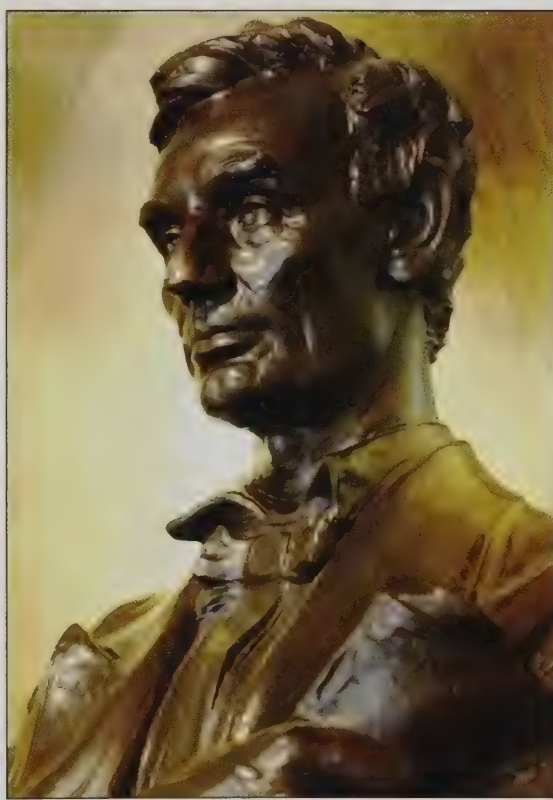
In the foyer of the building is a bust of Honest Abe. Legend has it that if a student rubs Abe's nose for good luck, they will do well on their exams.

Lincoln Hall is host to many Illinois traditions. However, the most impressive aspect of the renovation is the beautiful interiors. Great care was taken to maintain the historic value of the building. All of the wood, paint colors and reliefs were restored or replicated to their original appearance.

The new hall has more than aesthetic value, but also great working conditions and amenities.

"I like the new building, it is amazing," Hannah Johnson, junior in ACES, said. "When I was a freshman, Lincoln Hall had no air conditioning, but now we can have a nice study environment."

"Lincoln Hall is much different from other buildings on campus," Ziyi Liu said, a sophomore in LAS. "I can sit in the café to have a drink to wait for my class."



Far left | The quad side entry to Lincoln Hall took the most time to be remodeled, as it is full of historic and ornate details. The Gettysburg Address hangs on the wall, where it was moved from the floor, and the bust of Lincoln is displayed.

Left | The bust of President Abraham Lincoln is back on display at Lincoln Hall after being removed during the reconstruction. The bust was restored along with the building, which removed the traditional petina. However, this has restarted the rich Illinois tradition of rubbing the bust's nose for good luck.



# Alma Mater

Campus just isn't the same without our beloved Alma.

STORY | CHRISTINE NICHOLSON  
PHOTO | ALLISON GERNS  
DESIGN | ABBY BATIS

Although she is miles away, the Alma Mater of the University of Illinois remains a constant part of student life on campus.

For seniors, it will be their last year on campus and unfortunately that missing presence of Alma Mater means no Homecoming XXL jersey for her. "I'm not that worried because I know that it will be back for graduation.

As long as I get to take my picture with the Alma Mater I'm fine," Vishal Mehta, senior in LAS said, "Although I remember it being a vivid part during orientation. Just passing by Alma Mater I remember stopping and taking a moment to look at her and admire her."

However, some of the new students on campus have just the faint idea of an existing Alma Mater. She was not here to greet the freshman for welcome week. A majority of the freshman have not had the opportunity of seeing the campus icon in person.

Lex Keller, freshman in FAA, has yet to witness the tradition of dressing up the statue for various campus events. "I just hope she is back by this years graduation for the graduating class."

The tradition of taking a photo with the statue during graduation has been a right of passage for new graduates into alumni-hood.

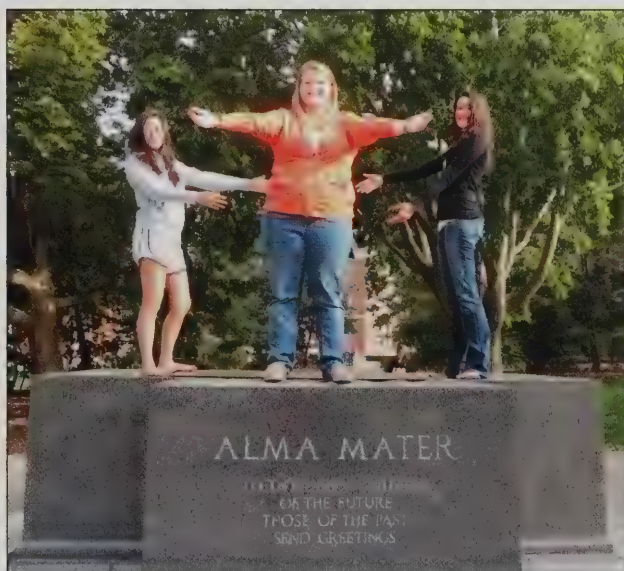
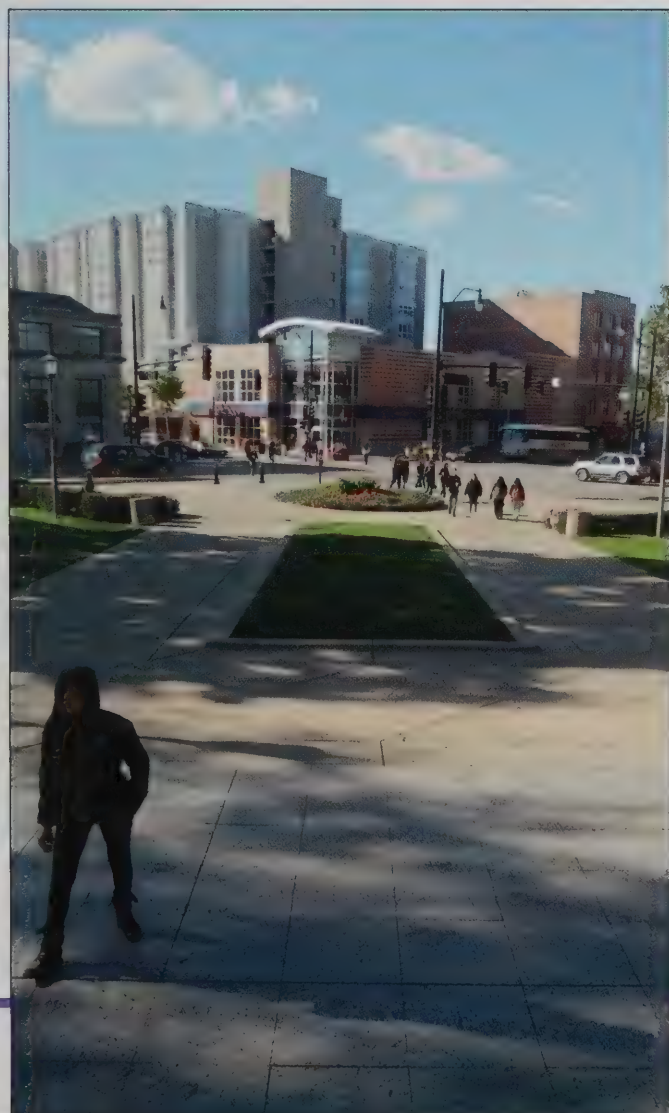
Since 1929 the statue of Alma Mater has been a symbolic part of student life at the university. Although, not until Aug. 22, 1962 was Alma placed where it is currently located, in front of Altgeld Hall. On Aug. 7, 2012, the 10,000-pound bronze statue was taken down and moved to Conservation of Sculptures & Objects Studio Inc. in Forest Park, Illinois. Because of its many years outdoors Alma Mater has a green color to her. However, with her restoration students are left wondering what color their precious Alma Mater will return to them. Will she be the same shade of green or will she be resorted to her original bronze color?

In effort to fill the gap, many students have taken it upon themselves to take photos of themselves recreating the statue. The Alma Mater may be far, but with her tweeting about her 'stay at the spa' and students taking photos on her podium it is clear her presence on the campus is deeply rooted in every student. Students eagerly await her return on May 4, 2012.

Right | The Alma Mater base still remains on Wright Street.







Top | Three students stand on the Alma Mater.  
 Upper Left Left | A view of campus from Alma's perspective.  
 Upper Right | Three students try to recreate the Alma Mater.



# Hail Alma Mater

Students discuss their beloved Alma Mater.

STORY | CHRISTINE NICHOLSON  
PHOTO | JESSICA SKOGH  
DESIGN | NATALIE HOKE

The Alma Mater is gone for the year being restored, and the students on campus have been anxiously awaiting her return. Although everyone is in agreement about wanting her back on her pedestal as soon as possible, the new traditions created in her absence have been a new source of Illini pride.

The Public Affairs office commissioned very realistic costumes of Alma, Learning and Labor. Student groups such as Student Alumni Ambassadors and 1867 society were able to wear the costumes around campus. Natalie Leoni, junior in LAS, portrayed Alma during Homecoming week.

"I miss Alma dearly! She is a source of my smiles at the University," Leoni said. "Portraying her during Homecoming week made me feel complete again. I can't wait for her to come back!"

The Alma Mater has become much more than

just a welcoming figure to the university. She is now become a symbol both internally and of the campus externally, and a symbol of Illini spirit.

"I miss Alma greatly," Megan Pagel, senior in Social Work, said. "Without a mascot, she is the one thing students can rally around. Even though she is absent from her post, her spirit lives on in each of the students of this beautiful university. I can't wait for her to return!"

Students have been promised that Alma will be back before 2013 graduation. However, students graduating before then are missing their opportunity to take part in a great Illini tradition.

"I am graduating in December, and Alma will not be around to celebrate with me," Dave Alter, Senior, LAS said. "I am sad I won't get to take pictures with her in my cap and gown."

## Top 10 Reasons We Miss Alma:

1. All the Photo Ops
2. Dressing her for Special Events
3. So the Freshman know what they are singing about
4. Using her as a grown up Jungle Gym
5. Seeing her on the way to class, making you feel good about not ditching
6. So we can pretend we have a mascot
7. Hanging out with Learning and Labor
8. Something to talk about with Alumni
9. Getting piggy-back rides from a giant statue
10. Sitting in her throne





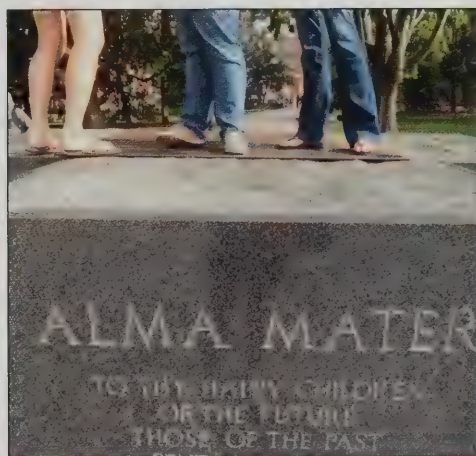


Top | The Alma mater pedestal has gotten more publicity than in years past. With the statue missing, students now have realized their are meaningful inscriptions on Alma's base.

Far Left | The empty slab of concrete were Alma once stood know collects puddles after a rain.

Middle Left | The absence of Alma has created a new view of the Union and Altgeld Hall when approaching from Green Street.

Left | Even though Alma is gone many students and alumni have been more than happy to recreate her and take her place.





# A Homecoming Tradition

The proudest time to wear the orange and blue.

STORY | LUCY BRACE  
PHOTO | ABIGAIL ROGERS  
DESIGN | NICOLE KOOB

Many community members, alumni, Illini fans and current students crowded along Wright Street for the annual Homecoming Parade. As the parade moved farther down towards the Quad, spectators were able to get their first glimpse.

Leading the parade was the grand marshal Ray Martin, who won 4 gold medals in the 2012 London Paralympics. Martin is a student in kinesiology and on the wheelchair track team.

Also leading the parade was Chancellor Phyllis Wise, the Homecoming Court, Illini Comeback guests and Mr. & Ms. U of I. When the alumni band passed playing Illinois Loyalty, the crowd showed their Illinois Spirit for cheering along with the fight song.

Among the parade participants were Miss Gem City Celeste Niemann, junior in LAS, several other fair queens, as well as political officials running for office

and getting some last minute campaigning in. Multiple RSOs and fraternities and sororities also took place in the festivities. Several of the groups came walking down Wright Street chanting "I-L-L" with the crowd answering "I-N-I".

"I felt so honored to represent Quincy in the Homecoming Parade, and it was an extra special experience to ride along side my younger sister, Angelica, who is Miss Midwest Illinois Teen, and hopefully a future Illini! We had a blast dancing to the tunes of the Marching Illini while riding in our convertible. The Homecoming Parade was by far my most fun parade to participate in yet," Niemann said.

The Marching Illini closed out the parade with the crowd once again joining in and clapping along to Illinois Loyalty.



Left | Alumni celebrate in the football stands.  
Bottom | The Marching Illini parade through campus on Homecoming game eve.







Top | The Illinittes show their school spirit during the Homecoming parade.  
 Bottom | The Illini football mentally focuses before kick-off.



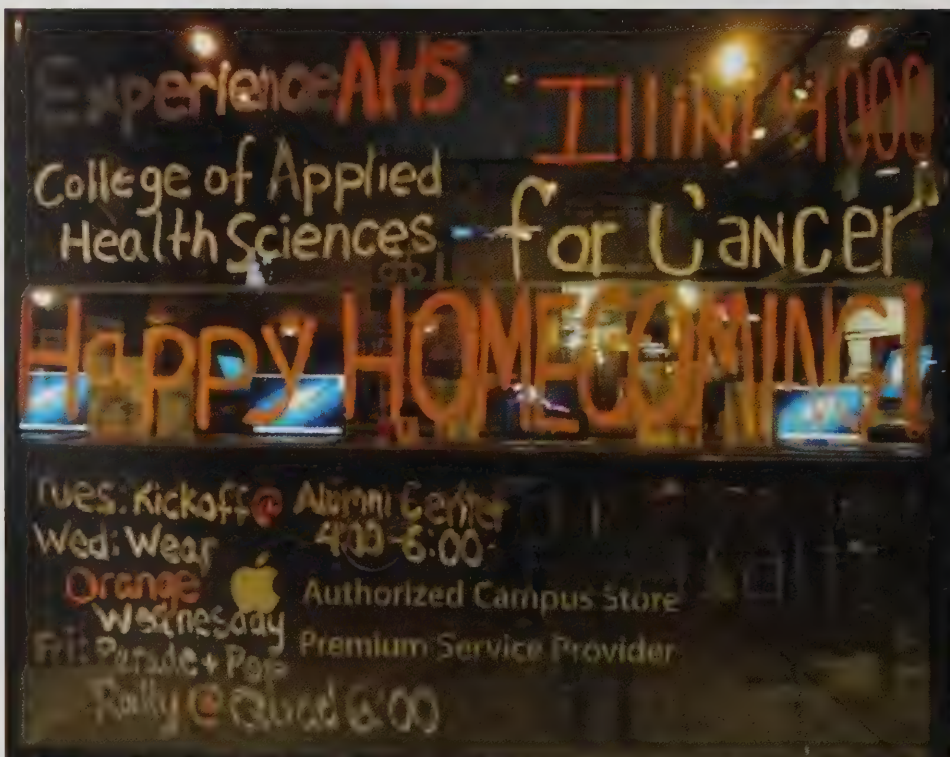






Photo by: Abigail Rogers





Phyllis Wise celebrated her first anniversary as our Chancellor on October 1st of this school year. She has appreciated how the University has treated her since the beginning of her term. Wise said, "I've been at several universities over the course of my professional life, and I don't think I've ever been welcomed quite so warmly."

The Chancellor describes her position as "the equivalent of the CEO of a corporation," because "I am in charge of overseeing everything basically," she said. Campus administrators are in charge of their own areas. It is crucial that they communicate their ideas and plans regularly with Wise. "I have a team of people who I work with very closely to make sure that we do this together," she said. As chancellor, she is responsible for being involved with all aspects of the university, and "anything that is critically important that might have either wonderful repercussions or difficult repercussions ultimately comes through me," she said.

For typical days on campus, Wise has different meetings and presentations lined up from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. She also spends time working off-campus. Wise regularly meets with donors, businesses and alumni to discuss philanthropy, and to keep the University well supported. Her position also allows her to travel the world

to benefit Illinois. This year she has traveled to Brazil, China and India. These trips are definitely not vacations. She said of her time in China, "we went to four different cities in five days, and had 26 meetings."

The main purpose of these international conferences is "to build partnerships academically, by making connections with university presidents to be able to have collaborations and enhance programs," said Wise. In the short time she has been here, the Chancellor has launched an initiative entitled Visioning Future Excellence which aims to benefit the posterity of this institution. She said, "It is all about what we want to do over the next 20 to 50 years. We are basically doing a visioning exercise. We've come up with 6 areas that we really want to focus on." These areas include energy and the environment, health and wellness, education, social equality and cultural understanding, information and technology, and economic development. Wise is already planning how to continuously improve our University for generations to come. She said of the next steps in the process, "I'm going to be getting together with groups of people to really put action behind each of these words."



# The Inner Workings of the Provost

New Administration on Campus

**STORY | AMANDA ADREANI & LATIFAH AL-HAZZA**  
**PHOTO | ERIN RANDLE**  
**DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN**

**Name:** Illesanmi Adesida

**Pronunciation:** Uh-dis-uh-duh

**Title:** Dr. Adesida

**Occupation:** Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost

**Schooling:** Undergraduate and Graduate of the University of California, Berkeley

**Duties:** Oversees academic programs, policies, and priorities

**Accolades:**

-Donald Biggar Willett Professor of Engineering, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Professor of Materials Science and Engineering

-Director for the Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology

-13th dean of College of Engineering

**What is unique at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana that you will not find at other universities?**

"The level of collaboration between faculty, staff, and students is unique here. In terms of being able to do new things, in terms of coming up with new education programs, those are unique that you can't find in other

places. The barrier to collaboration is low, it's easy to talk to colleagues and to talk to students."

**What field is the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana most known for?**

"There is excellence across the whole university. From the engineering point of view there have been a lot of new technologies, either here or by alumni elsewhere when they finish."

**How would you describe the students here?**

"The best students in the country, in the world. That's what keeps the faculty young, working with young brains, people who are challenging professors and move the bar of excellence all the time."

**What is the mission of the university?**

"The university is meant to provide opportunity for everybody to achieve and make the best of themselves to serve society."









# 50 Years Strong

New Administration on Campus

STORY | AMANDA ADREANI  
PHOTO | ANNE GRZYB  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

Before 1962, only Huff Hall, Kenney Gym and Freer Hall housed indoor courts. In fact, Kenney Gym was built solely for men, and only women could utilize Freer. The campus lacked outdoor field space, so intramurals were popular because field time was a guarantee. When Dave Matthews became the first director of campus recreation in 1962, these limitations changed forever. He put his vision in motion with plans to build the Intramural Physical Education Building, or IMPE, which has since become the ARC.

Robyn Deterding is currently the third director of campus recreation, and Erik Riha is the assistant director of marketing. Along with the entire staff, they are celebrating the 50th anniversary of this innovative program. Deterding said, "It was just unheard of for Doc Matthews to have that vision, and for him to be able to talk people and the president into it. Because the students were saying, 'we don't need this; who's going to go and work out?'"

Designating a large space for exercise was such a radical idea at the time that it received mixed views. Riha said, "Roger Ebert was the student president at the time, and said nobody would ever come use it. He did a speech over at the Union [against building the facility] and people threw snowballs at him."

IMPE opened in 1972 as the first of its kind,

impressing other universities throughout the country. It was then renovated and reopened as the Activities and Recreation Center in 2008. Riha said, "We basically gutted the building and all that was left was the I-beams and the frame. Nobody else in the country had done anything like it [IMPE]. But the same as now, everyone started copying it. At the time IMPE opened, it was the largest facility anybody had ever heard of for recreation on a campus."

Illinois continues to be ahead of the curve with its facilities. Deterding said, "People are still coming here to walk through and see [the ARC]. We take that as a compliment. We were amongst the best 50 years ago and we still are."

Plans to celebrate this milestone are focused around bringing back some historically popular recreational trends. Riha said the events are about "honoring our past." Ideas include a cardboard boat regatta, a class of group fitness through the years, and a classic field day, complete with obstacle courses, tug of war and sack races.

A tradition of improvement that began 50 years ago continues in the program today. Deterding said, "it's up to us to figure out how we can make this a place everybody wants to come to. From 1962, we're still striving to provide something for everybody."



# Through the Year

A look at how the Illini Union and Foellinger Auditorium came to be what they are today.

STORY | LUCY BRACE  
PHOTO | ANNE GRZYB  
DESIGN | YUANYUAN MENG

Foellinger Auditorium is one of the most recognizable buildings on campus due to its remarkable size and impressive dome. In November of 1907, the auditorium was dedicated to the University, completing the Illinois quadrangle.

During the dedication, performances echoed and distracted the audience. This occurrence led university physics professors to begin studying the then unknown subject of acoustics, most notably T.R. Watson. The small metal plate in the center of the auditorium's forecourt is known as "the echo spot", because only the person standing in the exact spot can hear the acoustics.

Foellinger was originally named Illinois Auditorium. However, after receiving renovations due to a generous donation from Mrs. Helen Foellinger in 1983, the auditorium was rededicated in honor of the alumna.

1. Foellinger Auditorium has become an iconic image of the university not only as venue for speakers and musicians, but as one of the largest lecture halls.

The auditorium's makeover included new stage lighting, a backstage and wings, a new wooden floor for the stage, and a 4½ foot pineapple to top the copper dome outside.

The auditorium is more than a century old and is typically used for large lectures, although it has hosted many famous performers throughout the years as well. Jane Addams, Robert Frost, Eleanor Roosevelt, R. Buckminster Fuller, Maya Angelou, and Bill Gates are just some of the well-known public figures that have graced the Foellinger stage.

"Foellinger is a nice building for big classes like Econ because there's so much space. I try to get a seat in the balcony when I have a test in there, it's nice" said Derek Sanabrai, senior in LAS. "The front steps are also a cool place to hang out," he added.







Far Left | During the warmer months Anniversary Plaza, located on the south side of the Union, is often filled with different student groups selling food or advertising for their organization.

Left | The lookout of the Union is best known as the ultimate view of the Quad.

Below | The union which bridges the engineering quad to the main quad is a place for students to eat, study, sleep and enjoy themselves.



Of the 16,000 students who walk past the Illini Union daily, none would ever know that in an aerial view one would see an almost perfect Block I. The Union has a rich history, one that many students probably have never heard.

Associate Vice Chancellor Ed Slazinik who was the Director of the Illini Union said that the first Union was actually in Illini Hall and it was not until the current building was built in 1940, that the Union moved to its present location. The Illini Union Board then dedicated Illini Hall to the University to be used for classrooms. First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt came to the first anniversary and the Union Board still has a birthday party every year in honor of this.

In 1996 came an addition to a place that many people frequently use, the Courtyard Café, when the roof

was added to make it a space that could be used year-round, as it is today. Around 1997, the stairwells were completely remodeled, being completely gutted and the flow of the stairs was actually reversed. There have been two fairly significant fires in the Illini Union and both were in the same room: the ballroom on the second floor.

While many of the rooms in the Union have changed over the years, the lounges have always been lounges. Slazinik said that the Art Gallery was originally a library and that the Presidents Lounge has also always been a lounge. The carpeting in the Pine Lounge is not the original, but is an exact replica. When remodels are made and student wear causes repairs directors make sure that the integrity and historical value of the Union stay true to the original, which has a history encompassing over 100 years.



# Assembly Hall and Memorial Stadium

A closer look at what happens behind the scenes.

STORY | AMANDA ADREANI  
PHOTO | ALLIE BAHCALL  
DESIGN | NATALIE HOKE

Construction will begin next year intending to make Assembly Hall more modern. With new offices, locker rooms, preferred seating areas and air-conditioning, the stadium will gain a beneficial update. Before any changes are made, stage manager Dave Roesch narrates a behind-the-scenes look at the process of a performance.

Touring shows bring their materials in trucks to the underground loading dock. Roesch said, "The biggest shows might have twelve trucks. It starts at 8:00 in the morning. By 2:00 in the afternoon they've unloaded, everything's set up. The performer comes in around 2:00 or 3:00, does the sound check and then their show. Then it all goes out and is gone that night."

Set pieces are wheeled from the trucks into the stadium through this tunnel. Roesch said, "At the end of a basketball game, the whole scoreboard comes down, folds up, and fits down the tunnel." This is the only foldable scoreboard in the world.

Curtains can be hung from these movable pipes on the ceiling, dividing the arena for different types of

performances. Some crewmembers actually work up there during setup. Roesch said, "We've got a little control board that can be brought out for shows. You can load in whatever pipe you want and put lighting, sound, and set pieces on it." There are four "star" dressing rooms. Roesch said, "they live on a bus, so this is basically their home. This is their space and we don't come in here at all unless we're asked or there's a problem."

Some performers have specific requests. "Steven Tyler brought his own shower heads. Our building engineer had to put them in in the afternoon and take them out that night," said Roesch. The men's and women's basketball teams eat meals in this dining room on game days. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided here for performers and crewmembers. How the performer spends the rest of their time before the show is up to them. Roesch said, "A lot of artists just want to go and hang out so they'll go to campus town and walk around."







Far Left | Game day suite patrons feast while cheering on the Fighting Illini from the luxury boxes added to the stadium a few years ago.

Left | The tunnel that leads on the court of Assembly Hall from the locker rooms is the same tunnel that the basketball teams use to run onto the court before the game.

Top | The stadium club suites provide an excellent view of the entire field at Memorial Stadium.

Above | The club box suites at Memorial Stadium come with kitchens and other amenities to help fans enjoy the game.



# A Memorable Weekend for U of I Dads

Illinois students introduce their dads to modern campus life.

STORY | KIMMY HUGHES  
PHOTO | JESSICA SKOGH  
DESIGN | NICOLE KOOB

Whether you call him Dad, Daddy, Old Man, or Pops, the University celebrated all dads on November 10, 2012 at Dad's Weekend. By Friday night, dads rolled into the Champaign area to spend some quality time with their sons or daughters.

Dad's Weekend 2012 kicked off with the first home basketball game for the Fighting Illini.

"It was great to see our team finally win in a sport Friday night," said Mike Hill, sophomore in the College of Engineering. "It was even better to have my dad sit in the Orange Krush (section) with me."

After a win for the Fighting Illini Basketball team, Dads and their kids headed to the bars for a little celebration and some campus nightlife.

"We went to Kam's to get a souvenir Dad's Day glass and to drink a beer or two," said Carlie Kalebich, sophomore in Liberal Arts and Science.

When Friday night came to a close, Dads got ready for the main attraction of the weekend; the Fighting

Illini Football game on Saturday.

Despite a loss for the home team, some Dads got to dance in the Marching Illini Halftime Show while others got to cheer on the team in the student section.

"The weather was perfect for the game and to have a tailgate this weekend," said Ed Kalebich, father of Carlie Kalebich.

Dad's Day 2012 came equipped with beautiful weather that made the sporting events, attending the bars, and walking the campus an enjoyable weekend.

"Since my dad doesn't come down to visit much, I gave him a tour of the campus and showed him where my classes are," said Taulor Lucero, freshman in the College of Media. "We also had lunch and played Frisbee on the Quad."

As Dad's Day 2012 came to a close, students parted from their Dads with hugs and of course, a thank you for their continuous support (and money) through college.







Left | The Illinois poms wait to perform at halftime of the 2012 Dad's Day Football game.

Above | The Illinois student section, Block I, is filled with more than just current students. Many students choose to get student section tickets for their fathers on Dad's weekend.



# Potential New Mascots

Students have the opportunity to submit new potential mascot.

STORY | CHRISTINE NICHOLSON  
PHOTO | CAMPUS SPIRIT REVIVAL  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN

It has been 5 years since the Chief performed his last dance at the University of Illinois. Most current students have not seen the Chief perform as an official mascot during their time on campus. Although there is still a lot of controversy surrounding the topic, there has been progress made toward reviving a campus mascot. While the student body majority voted last year in support of the Chief in a referendum, there has been different campaigns for replacements.

"The University of Illinois will always be the University of Chief Illiniwek. He may never return, but to get a new mascot would ruin a tradition that endured for over a century and presided over some of the University's greatest accomplishments." Anuj Shah, Senior, LAS

In January as students prepared to start the spring semester, the Illinois Student Senate sent an email officially supporting the "Campus Spirit Revival"

campaign. Through this process students were allowed submit potential mascot artwork, and then it was open for a campuswide vote.

"For a Big Ten School that has so much spirit I feel that it is sad that we do not have a mascot to show it. Even though the Chief was controversial it was the face of the University. It would be nice to have that back or something else to showcase our Illini Pride." Abbey Story, Senior, Education.

The campus spirit revival campaign divided the campus, and resurfaced the issue of a campus image, brand and mascot. Although some students were in support of having a new image, many felt that the process was not inclusive of the entire Illinois community. Looking to the future the most popular images will be presented to administration in the possibility of becoming an official university mascot.



Above | The Block I with robotic controls is a submission as a new mascot. This idea was based on showcasing the prestigious college of engineering, and all the amazing innovations that could ad to the first robotic mascot.



Top Right | The Illini Wolf is a symbol that embodies loyalty and relies on its pack to endure challenges.



Right | The Illinois Invaders features Illinois orange and blue imagery to relate to the many innovations attributed to Illinois over the years.





## ILLINOIS KRAKEN



Top | Many of the mascot submissions were rooted in state of Illinois history and tradition. The white oak tree is an homage to the state's official tree.

Above | The Illinois Kraken serves as an opportunity to put a brand, Illinois, behind a very mysterious and powerful creature.

Left | The Abraham Lincoln mascot suggests that Illinois honor its roots. The university has a special tie to Lincoln as Illinois is also his home state.





# The Next Chapter

Campuswide commencement marks the beginning of a new chapter.

STORY | CHRISTINE NICHOLSON  
PHOTO | MELISSA MCCABE  
DESIGN | MONICA BEHRMANN





The spring 2013 commencement was held on May 12, 2013, which happened to be Mother's Day. The ceremony took place in Assembly Hall.

Senior Karleigh Cherveney in LAS said, "While I am excited to graduate, at the same time I am sad to be leaving. I had so much fun and have so many great memories from my time here, but I am definitely looking forward to seeing what the future holds."

There are several popular spots around campus where many graduating seniors traditionally have their photo taken. The Hallene Gateway in Urbana provides a grand, scenic background for graduates to preserve their memories of Illinois.

Perhaps the most traditional photo site though, is of course, Alma Mater. Alma is usually dressed in cap and gown during the week of the ceremonies to match her graduating children. The regalia is removed for commencement weekend. Administration hopes Alma makes it back from her "spa visit" in time to see her children graduate.

"Hail to the Orange" is traditionally sung at the close of the campus wide ceremony, just like at the close of new student convocation.

Above | Members of the Class of 2012 gather in Assembly Hall on May 12, 2012 for the Commencement Ceremony.



# Groups & Greeks

Number of Panhellenic Sororities: 24

Number of IFC Fraternities: 45

First Illinois fraternity founded: Delta Tau Delta in 1872

First Illinois sorority founded: Pi Beta Phi in 1895

All-Sorority GPA: 3.47

All-Fraternity GPA: 3.06

Number of Registered Student Organizations: 1100+









# Illini Media Board of Directors



Rich Martin, Brian Johnson, Ryan VanZuiden, Lilyan Levant, Tom Costello, Robert Chain, Sam Cushing. Not Pictured | Arissa Moore.



# The Daily Illini



Front | Rochelle Wilson, Maggie Huynh, Samantha Kiesel, Alison Marcotte, Hannah Meisel, Carina Lee. Middle | Sari Lesk, Safia Kazi, Rebecca Taylor, Liz Koehler, Corinne Ruff, Ilya Gurevic, Dan Welin. Back | Bryan Lorenz, Nathaniel Lash, Taylor Goldenstein, Ryan Weber, Jordan Sward, Jeff Kirshman, Chad Thornburg



# WPGU



Front | Wil Meister, Nick Weiss, Kelly Ferry, Grace Haka, Courtney Yuen, Lise Graham, Eunice Yu, Alexis Rosado, Joanna Nowak. Middle | Ferrin McGness, Hashim Zaghloul, David Ellis, DJ Placek, Erika Harwood, Autumn Hayes, Dee Modnowski, Denn Malene. Back | Masood Hagene, Bryan Foland, Josh Katz, Ashley Kerdik, Joe Sargis, John Clishem, Joe Winner, Emily Waldron, Andrew Morrison.



# Buzz



Tyler Schmidt, Dane Georges, Michael Zhang, Eyan Lyman.



# Ad Sales



Front to back | Kirby Platt, Danielle Pontarelli, Kate Russell, Will Mullane, Erik Latkow, Nicole Fedinets, Brendan King, Tom Anderson, Molly Lannon, Nick Langolis, Deb Sosnowski, Travis Truitt.

# Classifieds



Alex Smarte, Kevin Hanes, Mitch Reeter, Colleen Budd, Hannah Ryan, Kendall Rodheim.



# Employee Services



Sharon Alexander-Jenkins, Caitlin Heller, Kelly Morrissy, Josh Kowalczyk.

# Creative Works



Jessica Morrow, Brian O'Leary, Kit Donahue, Hudson Vantrease.



# Street Team



Front | Lisa Aronova, Sunny Kang, Michelle Mann, Matt McManos, Victoria Hendzel, Hanna Cannell. Back | Jessica Kogan, Jessica Murray, Christina Cernavske, Ashley Anderson.



# Illio Yearbook



Front | Roserry Yu, Nicole Koob, Samantha Pucci, Nini Kao, Yuanyuan Meng, Latifah Al-Hazza, Ashley Kahn. Middle | Monica Behrmann, Crystal Smith, Abby Rogers, Allison Gerns, Amanda Adreani, Jessica Skogh, Erjing Cui, Jasmine Vargas, Erin Randle. Back | Bria Purdiman, Johnny Duan, Courtney Podgorski, Ashley Pavlus, Anne Grzyb, Kimberly Hughes, Arabed Hernandez, Rachel Buccieri.



# Fighting Illini Athletics

## Cheerleading



Front | Alex Pierce, Kayla Weintraub, Neva Sanfilippo, Devon Cramer, Kailey Ackermann, Alyssa Wichmann, Emily Weber, Aly Simons, Morgan Trajkovich, Liz Wortman, Zoe Kaler, Lindsay Probasco, Alex Anton, Jennifer Marin. Back | Rebecca Nolan, Laini DiMonte, Julia Kidd, Luke Schubert, Joey Zajcew, Scott Ward, Chris Burke, Eric Cornell, Zack Schoettes, Max Wichmer, Emily McLaughlin, Brigitte Lyman, Samantha O'Connor, Emma Stone. Not pictured | Charles Abban, Mariano Derrig, Tyler Jackson, Jonathan Nichols, Joseph Song, CJ Young.



# Men's Gymnastics



Front | Joey Peters, Mike Wilner, C.J. Maestas, Austin Phillips. Back | Jordan Valdez, Yoshi Mori, Jacob Tilsley, Logan Bradley, Max Mayr, Josh Wilson, Cole Smith, Vince Smurro, Malcolm Brown, Chad Mason, Nick Sacramento, Alex Varga, Andrew Margolis, Cameron Rogers, Fred Hartville.

# Women's Gymnastics



Front | Gabriella Nguyen, Alina Weinstein, Tori Fujinami, Sarah Fiedler, Sunny Kato, Giano O'Connor. Back | Macy Hyatt, Heather Foley, Jordan Naleway, Amber See, Kelsi Eberly, Elizabeth McNabb, Jaclyn Kantecki, Nikki McGarel, Elise Gill.



# Football



First Row | Student Manager Lukman Abdulai, Student Manager Josh Ok, Terry Hawthorne, Nathan Scheelhaase, V'Angelo Bentley, Taylor Barton, Jon Davis, Pat Nixon-Youman, Reilly O'Toole, Head Coach Tim Beckman, Steve Hull, Donovan Young, Josh Ferguson, Darius Caldwell, Supo Sanni, Hayden Daniels, Miles Osei, Student Manager Jason Schroeder, Student Manager Josh Davey. Second Row | Student Assistant Coach Andrew Carter, Assistant Football Video Director Josh Pohl, Earnest Thomas III, Chase Haslett, B.J. Bello, Jevaris Little, Matt LaCrosse, Ryan Lankford, Ryan Frain, Sean McGushin, Darius Millines, Zepheniah Grimes, Tommy Davis, James Nudera, Justin DuVernois, Jeremy Whitlow, Kenny Knight, Student Manager Tauge Rux, Student Manager Tyler Nelson. Third Row | Video Student Assistant Ross Puent, Video Student Assistant Mark Ruffner, Fritz Rock, Jack Ramsey, Devin Church, Dami Ayoola, Nick Forzley, Ben Mathis, Nelson Lugo, James Hallendorff, Ashante Williams, Taylor Zalewski, Justin Green, Eaton Spence, Ta'Jarvis Fuller, LaKeith Walls, Peter Bonahoom, Equipment Graduate Assistant Mike Reu, Student Manager Frank Renardo, Student Manager Derek Wagner. Fourth Row | Assistant Recruiting Coordinator Natalie Ericson, Video Student Assistant Alex Oberman, Video Student Assistant Matt Harvey, Kaeman Mitchell, Houston Bates, Nick North, Leslie Poole, Daniel Quintana, Mike Svetina, Davontay Kwaanig, Nick Immekus, Austin Abner, Nejee Robinson, Beau Sullivan, Zach Becker, Ralph Cooper, Mason Monheim, Austin Teitsma, Assistant Equipment Manager John Birdsell, Equipment Assistant Steve Starwalt, Student Manager Stu Sutton. Fifth Row | Football Office Administrator Nicole Anderson, Video Student Assistant Michael Wonsover, Video Student Assistant Arik Wonsover, Jonathan Brown, Zak Pedersen, Anthony Imanlihen, Henry Dickinson, Zach Hirth, T.J. Neal, Alex Hill, Justin Staples, Shawn Afryl, Kenny Nelson, Tim Kynard, Tony Durkin, Tyler Sands, Robbie Bain, Student Athletic Trainer Megan Devine, Student Athletic Trainer Sarah Bennett, Student Manager Cameron Barnes. Sixth Row | Football Office Manager Shari Atwell, Video Student Assistant Jessica Jacobsen, Video Student Assistant Atalie Delgado, Scott McDowell, Jake Feldmeyer, Simon Cvijanovic, Ted Karras, Corey Lewis, Joe Spencer, Hugh Thornton, Chris O'Connor, Michael Heitz, Patrick Flavin, Graham Poci, Ryan Nowicki, Spencer Harris, Eddie Viliunas, Brennan VanMieghem, Student Athletic Trainer Emily Williams, Student Athletic Trainer Eileen Scully, Student Manager Sam Gooding. Seventh Row | Student Athletic Trainer Ross Vollmer, Student Manager Michael Whittemore, Justin Hardee, Michael Martin, Tim Lukas, Tim Russell, Garrett Stroup, Daniel Rhodes, Justin Lattimore, Evan Wilson, DeJazz Woods, Glenn Foster, Teko Powell, Akeem Spence, Jake Howe, Vontrell Williams, John Valentine, Michael Buchanan, Student Athletic Trainer Abbey Cook, Student Athletic Trainer Miriam Axelbaum, Student Athletic Trainer Melissa Horgan. Eighth Row | George Anasis, Director of Football Game Analysis; Trent Chesnut, Head Football Equipment Manager; Aaron Hillman, Head Football Strength and Conditioning Coach; Tim Knox, Director of Football Operations; Kevin Abrams, Student Assistant Coach; Lester Richmond, Defensive Graduate Assistant; Justin Hood, Defensive Graduate Assistant; Mike Ward, Linebackers; Keith Gilmore, Defensive Line; Steve Clinkscale, Cornerbacks; Tim Banks, Defensive Coordinator/Safeties; Chris Beatty, Co-Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks; Billy Gonzales, Co-Offensive Coordinator/Receivers; Luke Butkus, Offensive Line; Alex Golesh, Recruiting Coordinator/Tight Ends/Specialists; Tim Salem, Running Backs/Special Teams Coordinator; Jon Carvin, Offensive Graduate Assistant; Kolby Jackson, Offensive/Special Teams Graduate Assistant; Paul Nichols, Director of Player Personnel; Mike Bellamy, Assistant Director of Player Personnel and Relations. Ninth Row | David Andrews, Assistant Football Strength Coach; Austin Addington-Strapp, Assistant Football Strength Coach; Aaron Burkhart, Assistant Football Strength Coach; Freddie Mitchell, Assistant Football Strength Coach; Anthony Antonacci, Football Operations Graduate Assistant; Chad Creamer, Player Personnel Graduate Assistant; Dr. Jerrad Zimmerman, Team Physician; Dr. Robert Gurtler, Head Team Physician; Scott Brooks, Head Football Athletic Trainer; Chris Brown, Assistant Athletic Trainer; Brett Taylor, Athletic Training Graduate Assistant; Jim Halpin, Assistant Athletic Trainer.



# Men's Basketball



Front | Strength & Conditioning coach Mike Basgier, Video Coordinator Andy Etheridge, Tracy Abrams, Kevin Berardini, Brandon Paul, Tyler Griffey, D.J. Richardson, Sam McLaurin, Mike LaTulip, Director of Basketball Operations Mark Morris, Athletic Trainer Paul Schmidt. Back | Assistant Coach Dustin Ford, Assistant Coach Paris Parham, Nnanna Egwu, Myke Henry, Joseph Bertrand, Devin Langford, Ibby Djimde, Mike Shaw, Rayvonte Rice, Head Coach John Groce, Assistant Coach Jamal Walker, Special Assistant to the Head Coach Brandon Miller.

# Women's Basketball



Front | McKenzie Piper, Amber Moore, Nia Oden, Ivory Crawford, Alexis Smith, Cassie Dumoulin, Sarah Hartwell, Kersten Magrum. Back | Head Coach Matt Bollant, Assistant Coach LaKale Malone, Video Coordinator Celeste Ratka, Taylor Tuck, Kierra Morris, Karisma Penn, Adrienne GodBold, Assistant coach Tianna Kirkland, Associate Head Coach Mike Divilbiss, Director of Basketball Operations Jessica Abitz.



# Soccer



Front | Vanessa DiBernardo, Reagan Robishaw, Nicole Breece, Noelle Leary, Megan Pawloski, Amy Feher, Anastasia Medellin, Shayla Mutz. Middle | Christina Farrell, Marissa Holden, Allie Osoba, Nicole Denenberg, Niki Read, Aliina Weykamp, Megan Green, Janelle Flaws. Back | Taylore Peterson, Shannon Roche, Tailor Smith, Steph Panozzo, Lizzi Sanscrainte, Lauren Parkin, Kassidy Brown, Kristin Gierman.



# Volleyball



Front | Assistant coach Jen Flynn Oldenburg, Jackie Wolfe, Courtney Abrahamovich, Julia Conard, Jessica Jendryk, Annie Luhrsen, Tayler Onion, Jennifer Beltran, Ali Stark, Student assistant Michelle Bartsch. Back | Volunteer Director of Operations Ben Sabin, Volunteer Assistant Laura DeBruler, Assistant coach Dan Conners, Alexis Viliunas, Jocelynn Birks, Anna Dorn, Kathryn Polkoff, Liz McMahon, Maddie Mayers, Erin Johnson, Morganne Criswell, Head coach Kevin Hambly, Athletic trainer Randy Ballard.

# Wrestling



Front | Brian Cullen, Daryl Thomas, Zane Richards, John Fahy, Tyler LePretre, Jesse Delgado, Benjamin Soumar, Dominic Olivieri, BJ Futrell, Conrad Polz. Middle | Caleb Ervin, Brandon Lopez, Zac Brunson, Matt Reuttiger, Jake Gingerich, Adam Acheson, Jeff Koepke, Matt Nora, Jake Kaminsky, Kyle Dooley, Steven Rodrigues, Jordan Blanton. Back | Jackson More, Brendan Mahaney, Chris Lopez, Evan Ellsworth, Mario Gonzalez, Pat Walker, Joe Lamanna, Tony Dallago, Nikko Reyes, Jeff Koepke, Dan Stelter.



# Swimming and Diving



Front | Kimberly Kalenda, Sabrinne Gibson, Erika Murphy, Callan McDermott, Katie Roeing, Emily Fung, Emily Wilkinson, Kathleen Knight, Kayla Dlugopolski, Cara Chuang, Stephanie Hein, Sarah Sykstus. Second Row | Jessica Clifford, Lori Lynn, Isabella Schamber, Hollie Smith, Sarah Coady, Erin Rodriguez, Erica Lynn, Megan Marchuk, Lori Davis, Keri Eberhardt, Andrea DeAngelis, Jennifer Coady. Third Row | Hailey Booth, Alexa Chavez, Marin Thompson, Anne Goering, Erin Lamb, Emma Williams, Alyssa Petruzzello, Alison Meng, Jessica Holz, Sloane McDermott, Mary Beth Howard. Back | Diving Coach Chris Waters, Kirsten Zborek, Darragh McDermott, Courtney Pope, Alyssa Toland, Head Coach Sue Novitsky.



# Men's Golf



Front | Nick Robles, Mason Jacobs, Thomas Pieters, Thomas Detry, Charlie Danielson. Back | David Kim, Brian Campbell, Ross Frankenberg, Jonathan Hauter, Alex Burge.

# Women's Golf



Assistant coach Jackie Szymoniak, Pimpoy Thirati, Jacqueline Calamaro, Samantha Postillion, Michelle Mayer, Ember Schuldt, Kaitlyn Wampler, Crystal Smith, Head coach Renee Slone.



# Men's Track



Front | Hunter Mickow, Jereme Atchison, Ian Barnett, Luke Carroll, Stephon Pamilton, Josh Zinzer, Julian Smith, Brandon Stryganek, Juan Paul Green. Second row | Josh Hodur, Blaze Galardy, David Eckhart, James Davenport, Will Brewster, Nathan Troester, Graham Morris, Joshua Jones, Maurice Watkins. Third row | Vanier Joseph, Tommy King, Joe McAsey, Ryan Lynn, Liam Markham, Jim Riddle, Jordan Hebert, Anthony Manfrin, Jade Ackerman. Fourth row | DJ Zahn, Malcolm Taylor, Sam Telfer, Paul Zeman, Mark Donohue, James Sullivan, Cody Klein, Brandon Carrel. Fifth row | Matt Bane, Cameron Viney, Brenden Tanthavong, Ryan Michel, Corey Hammon, Nathan Loe, Mitch Mammoser, George Wayda, Gary Ford. Sixth row | Jannis Toepfer, Brett Einbecker, Brandon Noe, Steve Monte, Ben Dodds, Peter Bremhorst, Davis Fraker, Zebo Zebe, Kyle Engnell. Back | Volunteer Coach Chris Lemieux, Volunteer Distance Coach Michael Allio, Assistant Coach Adrian Wheatley, Head Coach Mike Turk, Assistant Coach Jake Stewart, Assistant Coach Mike Erb, Volunteer Coach Doug McDannald.



# Softball



Front | Katie Repole, Jade Smith, Dana Sullivan, Danielle Trezzo. Middle | Nicole Tobon, Jenna Mychko, Sami Estill, Alex Booker, Remeny Perez, Brittany Sanchez, Allie Bauch, Jami Schkade. Back | Jess Perkins, Shelese Arnold, Pepper Gay, Jackie Guy, Stephanie Cuevas, Linnea Detrick, Kylie Johnson, Jessica Davis.

# Women's Tennis



Front | Allison Falkin, Breanne Smutko, Melissa Kopinski, Audrey O'Connor. Back | (Former) Assistant Coach Georgia Rose, Misia Kedzierski, Rachael White, Julia Jamieson, Head Coach Michelle Dasso.



# Women's Track



Courtney Yaeger, Morgan Wood, Michelle Stratton, Meghan Murphy, Kristin Morrison, Meagan Hynes, Lauren Hollingsworth, Marissa Golliday, Elizabeth Eitzen, Stephanie Brown, Madeline Aufmann.

# Baseball



Front | Davis Hendrickson, Brandon Hohl, Kelly Norris-Jones, Reid Roper, Chase Hainline, Matt Milroy, Michael Hurwitz, David Kerian. Second Row | Student Athletic Trainer Daniel Lin, Brian de la Torriente, Rob McDonnell, Justin Parr, Alex Lincoln, Jordan Parr, Jeremy Scheck, Thomas Lindauer, Nick Chmielewski, Bill Charvat, Athletic Trainer Jim Halpin, Equipment Manager John Birdsell. Third Row | Kevin Johnson, John Kravetz, P.J. Brennan, Charlie Naso, Tyler Hamer, Luke Joyce, Anthony Milazzo, Josh Ferry, Brent Kuper. Back | Head Coach Dan Hartleb, Assistant Coach Drew Dickinson, Bryan Roberts, Drasen Johnson, Thomas Shelton, Will Strack, Will Krug, Willie Argo, Brian Kost, Ronnie Muck, Volunteer Assistant Coach Jason Anderson, Associate Head Coach Eric Snider.







# ALPHA RHO CHI



The brothers of Alpha Rho Chi.

**Year founded:**

1914

**Nickname:**

Archis

**Colors:**

Azure and Sanguine

**Symbol:**

Three prong rake (dexter)

The Anthemios Chapter of Alpha Rho Chi is one of two founding chapters in this national co-ed fraternity for architecture and the allied arts. Brothers of Alpha Rho Chi focus on strengthening networking skills and keeping a strong connection to the faculty by hosting professional dinners and planning visits to architecture firms across the State of Illinois. For the past few years the Philanthropy Chairmanship have put together, very successfully, Rock For Humanity concerts to support Habitat For Humanity. Alpha Rho Chi also has a social side, the Social chairmanship threw a barndance for the entire College of Fine and Applied Arts. The ninety nine year old fraternity has many old traditions being kept alive by the newest brothers, but with the over abundance of creativity within the chapter new traditions are added each year.

# ALPHA XI DELTA



**Year founded:**

1893

**Nickname:**

AXiD

**Colors:**

Light blue, dark blue, gold

**Symbol:**

Quill

Alpha Xi Delta takes part in philanthropy events benefiting Autism Speaks, a non-profit organization focused on Autism awareness. As a chapter, Alpha Xi Delta hosts "Xi Marks the Spot," which is a 5K scavenger hunt across campus. This fall, the chapter co-hosted a philanthropy barbeque with Theta Xi and proceeds went to Autism Speaks and the National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. The women of Alpha Xi Delta partook in several sisterhood events, namely Zumba at the ARC, pottery painting, and a trip to Curtis Apple Orchard.





# ALPHA OMICRON PI

**Year founded:**

1897

**Nickname:**

AOII

**Colors:**

Cardinal

**Symbol:**

Panda

AOII has two different philanthropy events each year. In the spring, the chapter hosts Run for the Roses. This 5K/10K/Fun Walk benefits the international philanthropy of Arthritis Research. Mud Olympics is hosted in the fall and this year all of the proceeds were donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. AOII always enjoys giving back to the community and through these events is able to help out with many different causes.



**Top:** Pictured above is the entire AOII chapter, including the newest members (wearing teal), sitting in the foyer of their house on 706 S. Mathews. The 182 members enjoyed the Bid Day theme, "Sweet 16s," by eating from a candy and desserts bar, having a surprise performance from the X-Chords, and getting to know their new A-Sis.

**Middle left:** With sisters from all over the state of Illinois, there is definitely a good spirited Cubs-Cardinals rivalry among the ladies of Alpha Omicron Pi. On September 21st, fifty of the chapter members hopped on a Greyhound charter bus to Chicago's Wrigley Field for the sisterhood event of a lifetime... eating ballpark hot dogs and Cracker Jack's with their closest friends.

**Middle right:** In the Fall of 2002, Iota Chapter began a new philanthropy at the University of Illinois called Mud Olympics. This was the 10th anniversary of our philanthropy and thus the AOII's celebrated by donating over \$3000 to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Pictured above are AOII's "throwing what they know" and representing Juvenile Diabetes Research with their team of fraternity men.

**Bottom:** After summer comes to a close, the first week back on campus at the Iota AOII Chapter means learning new chants, practicing conversational skills, and hanging out with the other ladies in the chapter house. "Work week" pays off for the active members once Bid Day rolls around and they can offer welcoming hugs to the class of 2016.



# ILLINI UNION BOARD

**Year founded:**  
1941

**Nickname:**  
IUB

The Illini Union Board is the largest student programming board on campus, providing exciting and entertaining events and activities. Since 1942, IUB has planned thousands of programs and services such as Illinites, large-scale lectures, comedians, concerts, cultural programs and events promoting campus traditions.

"The Illini Union Board is like family. I've become a better person and professional because of the skills learned from planning awesome events and working with amazing people." **Tolu Taiwo, IUB President**



From bottom left seating: Tolu Taiwo, Tess Mody, Brittany Simon, Emily Silva, Rakhee Kashyap  
From top left standing: Zach Parker, Blazej Szymoniak, Stuti Mehta, Brandon Saunders, Patricia Lusk, Greg Ryding, LaPorsha Glass; Aaron Beasley

# BUSINESS COUNCIL



**Year founded:**  
1973  
**Nickname:**  
BC

**Colors:**  
Black and White

Business Council was established in 1973 as a service organization within the College of Business. We are dedicated to providing the students of the College of Business and University with a richer and fuller educational experience. Business Council assists in the College's ongoing operations, special events and programs, by uniting students and faculty in mutual endeavors.

Business Council's mission is to create opportunities for students, lead and facilitate events, and make lasting contributions to the College of Business. We provide our members with a connection between the professional and social aspects of the business world while building genuine relationships within the organization.

The Fall 2012 New Members helped raise money for Toys For Tots by hosting a winter wonderland at the ice rink! (L to R, top row: Zach Taylor, Charlie Santoro, Saajan Patel, Joel Hood, Jess Gardeck, Jack Darland, Srin Srikumar, Dave Lorenc, Kristen Bridgford, Martin Arredondo, Tom Guild. L to R, front row: Caroline Hilton, Lizzy Engele, Sam Haile, YC Wong, Anika Murthy, Sarah Maurer, Maddie Guild)



The Business Council 2012 Executive Board. (L to R: Adam Fifield, Adam Steinert, Michael Smigielski, Clare McIntyre, Wyatt Lawyer, Drew Mixon)



# LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES COUNCIL



**Above:** The Council unifies students from all academic disciplines to enhance and strengthen a liberal arts education through academic, philanthropic, and social events. LAS Council serves on decision-making committees within the College, fosters communication among students and between students and administration, and features speakers that address special topics for discussion.

**Right:** Row 1: Glenn Stojanovic, Kyle Morrison, Zach Ferguson, Paul Zywariski, Brad Ryva  
Row 2: Maia Wright, Laura LoVetere, Ellie Fishbein, Sneha Shrivastav  
Row 3: Josephine Stoner, Meghana Moodabagil, Catherine Kelly, Josh Alfaro  
Row 4: Nicole Gibbons, Anna Gotfryd, Christina Han, Mariah Matthews, Andy Towler  
Row 5: Badia Saed, Casey Escatel  
Row 6: Julie Pascoe, Max Norris, Liz Philipp, Brian Smith, Boram Kim, Eddie Gathercoal

LAS Council, with the help of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, serves the student body by providing guidance, addressnig student issues, and increasing student involvement within the college.



## SIGMA KAPPA

**Year founded:** 1906  
**Nickname:** Sig Kaps, Sig K  
**Colors:** Lavender and Maroon  
**Symbols:** Dove, Heart

The purpose of Sigma Kappa Sorority is to provide women lifelong opportunities and support for social, intellectual, and spiritual development by bringing women together to positively impact our communities. Through this mission, Sigma Kappa continues to support the Alzheimer's Association, and hosts a fundraiser each year, known as UltraViolet Week. Encompassing these goals, Sigma Kappa strives to make well-rounded individuals that will continue to grow and prosper throughout their college years and beyond.

"Going through recruitment I didn't know which house I would call 'home.' On bid day, I was excited to see that I would now be a member of Sigma Kappa. One of Sigma Kappa's values is personnel growth, and I feel that through this value, I was given multiple leadership positions, and I continue to find ways to remain active in the chapter. By staying an active member of Sigma Kappa, I believe that I have made some of my best friends and can see impacts of Sigma Kappa in my daily life."

**Katherine Blonski**



**Top:** Sigma Kappas on the quad waiting for their new members.

**Bottom:** Sigma Kappas outside of their house on Pref Day.



# PI BETA PHI

- 1.) Year Originally Founded:  
1867
- College, City, State:  
Monmouth College,  
Monmouth, IL
- 2.) U of I Founding Date:  
October 26, 1895
- 3.) Address: 1005 S. Wright St.  
Champaign, IL 61820
- 4.) Symbols: Arrow
- 5.) Nickname: Pi Phi
- 6.) Colors: Wine and Silver  
Blue



Bid Day Fall 2012

Pictured from Left: Paige Babilla, Hosun Lee, Margaret O'Connor, Emily Bolton, Ashley Eggert, Stephanie Weiss, Jessica Weinberg, Victoria Andros, Kirsten Lindell, Elizabeth Denz



Flag Football Tournament Philanthropy Event: Arrowgames, Fall 2012.  
Pictured from Left: Catherine Zapinski, Kristen Muller, Madeleine Turk, Rebecca Eilers, Megan Brennan, Hannah Wood, Sara Connor, Sarah Wookey

# FIELD AND FURROW CLUB



1st row: Brad Launer (Philanthropy Chair), Katelin Paris (Conventions Chair), Guthrie Wyss (Vice President), Shannon Breen (President), Loren Goodrich (Secretary), Sondra Monier (Reporter), Zach Duray (Fundraising Chair)  
2nd row: Katherine McLachlan (Treasurer), Brian Weihmeir (Membership/Public Relations Chair), Nick Steppig (ACES Council Representative), Emily Droste (ACES Council Representative), Alicia Gardner (Social Chair)  
3rd row: Jennifer Woodyard, Hannah Dougherty, Alex McMillan, Zach Benson, Tyler Barringer, Sarah Reising-Rechner, Lanae Ringler, Danielle Cooney  
4th row: Philip Dreeste, Austin Onion, Jarai Carter, Josiah Klockenga, Mark McKown, Ben Olson, Sydney Schmidt, Mark Sullivan

## Member Quote:

"Since stepping onto campus as a freshman, I have been an active member in Field and Furrow. The club has had a large impact on my college career here on campus. I have gained leadership skills through the offices that I have held, been able to interact with many leaders around campus and made friends and memories that will last my lifetime. I have truly enjoyed every minute of the past four years in this club."

- Shannon Breen, Field and Furrow President and Senior in ACES

The purpose of the Field and Furrow Club is to inform and acquaint its members in every aspect of agriculture, and supply them with leadership skills needed to be successful. We actively participate in philanthropy, outreach, fundraising, and social activities throughout the year. Philanthropy activities include farm safety presentations to high school students throughout the state, providing agricultural loans to farmers in developing countries, and other service activities in the community and on campus. Field and Furrow has been an integral part of the Crop Sciences department and College of ACES since 1935.



# ALPHA GAMMA RHO



Year Originally Founded: 1904  
 U of I Founding ate: 1906 (Alpha)  
 Address: 58 E. Gregory Dr,  
 Champaign  
 Symbols: Crescent, Sickle, Sheath  
 Nickname: Aggers  
 Colors: Green & Gold

The Chapter's Philanthropy is the  
 Foxy Lady Contest. The money raised  
 thi year went towards Breast Cancer  
 Research. This was the 39th annual  
 event making it the longest running  
 philanthropy on the U of I campus.

## Member Quote:

"Becoming a mamber of AGR has been one of the best decisions that I  
 have ever made. Through this organization, I have been able to prepare  
 myself for a career in agriculture and to develop a network of friends that  
 will last me a lifetime. I will always remember the good times that I had  
 with all my AGR brother"

-Justin Wassmann, Senior in ACES



Top: Chapter picture - 2012 Alpha  
 Gamma Rho Chapter

Above: Philanthropy picture -  
 Aggers participating in the AGD  
 philanthropy event 'Water Wars'

Right: Christmas light picture - AGR  
 getting festive for the holidays





# VELOCITY DANCE TEAM

Velocity Dance Team has members from different dancing backgrounds. They host an annual show during Mom's Weekend to display their dances. They have also performed at Krannert and Canopy Club, during women's volleyball and basketball games, and at Illinois State University.



Back Row: Kelsey Neuhas, Kim Hoopes, Claire Reiling, Amanda Rowland  
Middle Row: Hannah Oswald, Lindsay Webb, Brittany Shoemaker  
Front Row: Anav Ledersnaider, Amy Motyka

# 4-H HOUSE

4-H House is a cooperative sorority. The main goals of 4-H are to strengthen the bonds of friendship, develop a spirit of unity among members, promote scholastic interest, maintain an enriching home with a lower cost, and provide social opportunities. 4-H is very active in supporting their philanthropy, Journey, which raises money for police cameras to keep repeat drunken drivers off the road and keep loved ones safe.





# INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

The Interfraternity Council of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign aim to develop a greater understanding among all Greek Letter Organizations, seek solutions to our common problems, and assist each other and the University in attaining their educational and cultural objectives.



Founded: 1910. Indianapolis

U of I Founding: 1914

Address: Turner Student Services Building, 610 E John St., Champaign, IL

Nickname: IFC

Top | Ramin Zacharia, Tyler Sendt, Drew Dahl, Jake Bailey, Ashley Dye, Jack Riordan, Sam Moore, Tim Schmidt, Thomas Munger  
The 4 Greek Council yearly awards ceremony, Greek Oscars.



Above | Tim Schmidt, Jack Riordan, Thomas Munger, Sam Moore, Drew Dahl, Tyler Sendt while recruiting for IFC at Quad Day.

Left | Jack Riordan, Tyler Sendt, Tim Schmidt, Ramin Zacharia, Sam Moore, Drew Dahl at Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values Conference in St. Louis, MO.



# ENGINEERING COUNCIL



**Year founded:**

1921

**Nickname:**

EC

**Colors:**

Orange and Blue

Engineering Council hosts a wide variety of events throughout the year, each of which provides students the opportunity to gain leadership skills, develop professionally, and grow academically. Some of the events EC hosts are the Engineering Open House, Engineering EXPO, leadership workshops, Engineers-Week, academic and professional workshops, and service events.

"Engineering Council has been my life for the past 3 years, and I have loved every minute of it. From the multitude of events we host from fun to professional, we hope to include as many engineering students as possible. We are a board of 18 directors, over 150 committee members, and over 70 Engineering societies. I have had the unique opportunity to meet a diverse group of people and work closely with the College of Engineering. It is the many meaningful experiences that have made EC the most beneficial thing I have done with my college career." **Courtney O'Connor, Engineering Council President**





**Opposite:** 2012-2013 Executive Board. Top Row: Ron Meyer, Elena Antonakos, Henry Wolf, Kritika Jetley, Chris Massie, Sid Sethupathi, Steven Marks, Rachel Gross, Akash Shah, Sarah Moshage, D.J. Podgorny, Sam Tone, Mary-Kate Krouse. Bottom Row: Jordan Baczynski, Rachel Seidner, Patrick Kennedy, Courtney O'Connor, Troy Meehan, Gloria Lin.

**Top left:** Engineering Council hosted a contest in which members of engineering societies competed to carve the best pumpkin.

**Top right:** Melissa Duyar, Rachel Gross, Sarah Moshage, Sam Tone, and Courtney O'Connor attended the NAESC regional conference at the University of Minnesota to network with other Midwestern Engineering Councils.

**Bottom:** Engineering Council members participated in iHelp 2012 by doing yard work and preparing student activities at a local middle school.



# PANHELLENIC COUNCIL



**Year founded:**

1902

**Nicknames:**

PHC or Beta Beta Beta

**Colors:**

Crimson and Royal

**Symbols:**

Duck

The Panhellenic Council governs UIUC's 25 National Panhellenic Conference and associate sororities. We are responsible for increasing inter-sorority communication, scholarship programming, leadership development, collaboration with the other Greek Councils on campus, and community involvement. We hold our chapters and members to high standards because we believe in our ability to change the world we live in. The Panhellenic community is a vast network of not only current students but also alumni that provide plenty of networking opportunities. At UIUC, we aim to enrich members' experiences while at college and for the rest of their lives.

"My time on the Panhellenic Council executive board has been the most rewarding experience in my college career. I have expanded my definition of what it means to "be Greek" and to be a part of Greek life on this campus. Throughout my term, I have had the opportunity to work with a diverse group of campus leaders and I have developed a unique perspective on Illinois Greek life. It has been a fantastic learning experience where I also strengthened my leadership skills and team management skills – things I will take with me as I move into the professional world."

**Michelle Rotheiser, 2012 President**





**Opposite top:** The council attended the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values Conference (AFLV) in St. Louis, MO.

Row 1: Kylie Christensen (VP Standards), Jamie Collins (VP Development), Ann Collier (VP Service), Andrew Hohn (advisor), Keri Cottle (VP Scholarship), Michelle Rotheiser (President), Katie Coffey (VP Operations) Row 2: Norah Cetin (VP Recruitment), Danielle Schuck (VP Public Relations), Jillian Gallagher (VP Risk Management), Colleen Morgan (VP Programming)



**Opposite bottom:** Founder of Circle of Sisterhood, Ginny Carroll, accepted the donation from PHC after a featured documentary "Half the Sky" was shown for all chapters. Row 1: Jamie Collins (VP Development), Jillian Gallagher (VP Risk Management), Danielle Schuck (VP Public Relations), Colleen Morgan (VP Programming), Ginny Carroll, Ann Collier (VP Service), Norah Cetin (VP Recruitment), , Katie Coffey (VP Operations), Michelle Rotheiser (President) Row 2: Keri Cottle (VP Scholarship), Kylie Christensen (VP Standards)

**Top:** PHC is shown with their advisor after a successful Greek Oscars.

Row 1: Danielle Schuck (VP Public Relations), Keri Cottle (VP Scholarship), Colleen Morgan (VP Programming), Michelle Rotheiser (President), Kylie Christensen (VP Standards), Andrew Hohn (advisor), Ann Collier (VP Service), Katie Coffey (VP Operations), Jamie Collins (VP Development), Norah Cetin (VP Recruitment), Jillian Gallagher (VP Risk Management)

**Center:** The council hosts an event called "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes," which raises awareness and funds for sexualized violence education, prevention, and remediation. Row 1: Andrew Hohn (advisor), Michelle Rotheiser (President), Jamie Collins (VP Development), Katie Coffey (VP Operations), Danielle Schuck (VP Public Relations), Colleen Morgan (VP Programming), Norah Cetin (VP Recruitment), Jillian Gallagher (VP Risk Management) Row 2: Ann Collier (VP Service), Keri Cottle (VP Scholarship), Kylie Christensen (VP Standards)



**Bottom:** The 4 Greek Councils perform in a strolling competition during AFLV in St. Louis, MO, in which they were awarded 2nd place. Row 1: Katie Coffey (VP Operations), Kylie Christensen (VP Standards), Michelle Rotheiser (President), Colleen Morgan (VP Programming), Ann Collier (VP Service) Row 2: Danielle Schuck (VP Public Relations), Keri Cottle (VP Scholarship), Norah Cetin (VP Recruitment), Jamie Collins (VP Development), Jillian Gallagher (VP Risk Management) Row 3: Sam Moore (IFC Executive VP), Jack Riordan (IFC VP Membership Development), Drew Dahl (IFC VP Service)



# ILLINOIS STUDENT SENATE

**Year founded:**  
1870 (as Student Government)  
**U of I founding date:**  
2004  
**Nicknames:**  
ISS, Student Senate  
**Colors:**  
Orange and Blue



The Illinois Student Senate, or ISS, serves as the "Official Voice of the Student Body" at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. It is committed to representing the views and needs of the student body to campus administration, local, state and federal governments. The Student Senate also focuses on bettering the campus community for all students. The organization is comprised of over 100 members who are dedicated to serving this community and are committed to excellence. Members of the Student Senate participate in many academic, social and philanthropic events, some of which are co-sponsored with other RSOs on campus. Some of the events Student Senate co-sponsored and participated in have been debates, Illinites and iHelp. The Senate prides itself in helping to improve the campus and the community.

"What ISS gave me is the opportunity to initiate change on this campus. It gave me a great appreciation for student governance. It opened my eyes to a rich culture of leadership and advocacy for the students. Ever since my days as an intern for David Olsen I grew fond of all the students on campus; and that essentially was thanks to the Illinois Student Senate."

**Shao-Hai Guo, Vice President-Internal, Historian**





**Opposite top:** Student senators take a tour of a Altgeld Bell Tower.

**Opposite Bottom:** Senator Jim Maskeri makes a speech welcoming all who attended the Teaching Excellence Awards.

**Above Right:** Senators Mark Rosenstein, Max Ellithorpe and Matt Gold pose with Champaign Mayor, Don Gerard.

**Left:** Senators Jim Maskeri and Matt Gold represent the Illinois Student Senate as members of the 2012 Homecoming Court.

**Middle:** Senators Jim Maskeri and Matt Gold represent the Illinois Student Senate as members of the 2012 Homecoming Court.

**Bottom:** Senators Max Ellithorpe, Mark Rosenstein and Matt Gold during a General Assembly Meeting.



# UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

**Year founded:**  
1912

**Nickname:**  
UBC

University Baptist Church is a Christian community of memory, hope and belonging. We're a unique unity of students, UIUC staff and others committed to living the New Testament vision for the people of the University and wider community. We support the worldwide mission of the American Baptist Churches and the larger body of Christ. UBC develops leaders who serve Him throughout the world.



Members and friends of University Baptist Church pose outside the church building on a beautiful Sunday morning.

# KOREAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION



**Year founded:**  
1977  
**Nickname:**  
KSA

**Colors:**  
Blue, Orange and White

The mission of KSA is dedicated to make a difference in the Urbana-Champaign community. They do so by hosting career fairs and providing opportunities through volunteer work and language and cultural diffusion.





# ILLIDELL OF ALPHA GAMMA SIGMA



**Year founded:**

1949

**Symbol:**

Plow

**Colors:**

Silver and Blue

IlliDell is active in various clubs and organization both in the College of ACES and throughout the University. In addition, we hold a philanthropy dinner every semester to benefit Ag in the classroom.

"IlliDell has allowed me to make lifelong friendships, and countless memories. It has allowed to improve my leadership, academic, and social skills. If given the chance I would to it all over again."

**Josh Wollin**  
Senior in ACES



# STUDENT ALUMNI AMBASSADORS

**Year founded:**

1976

**Colors:**

Blue, Orange and White

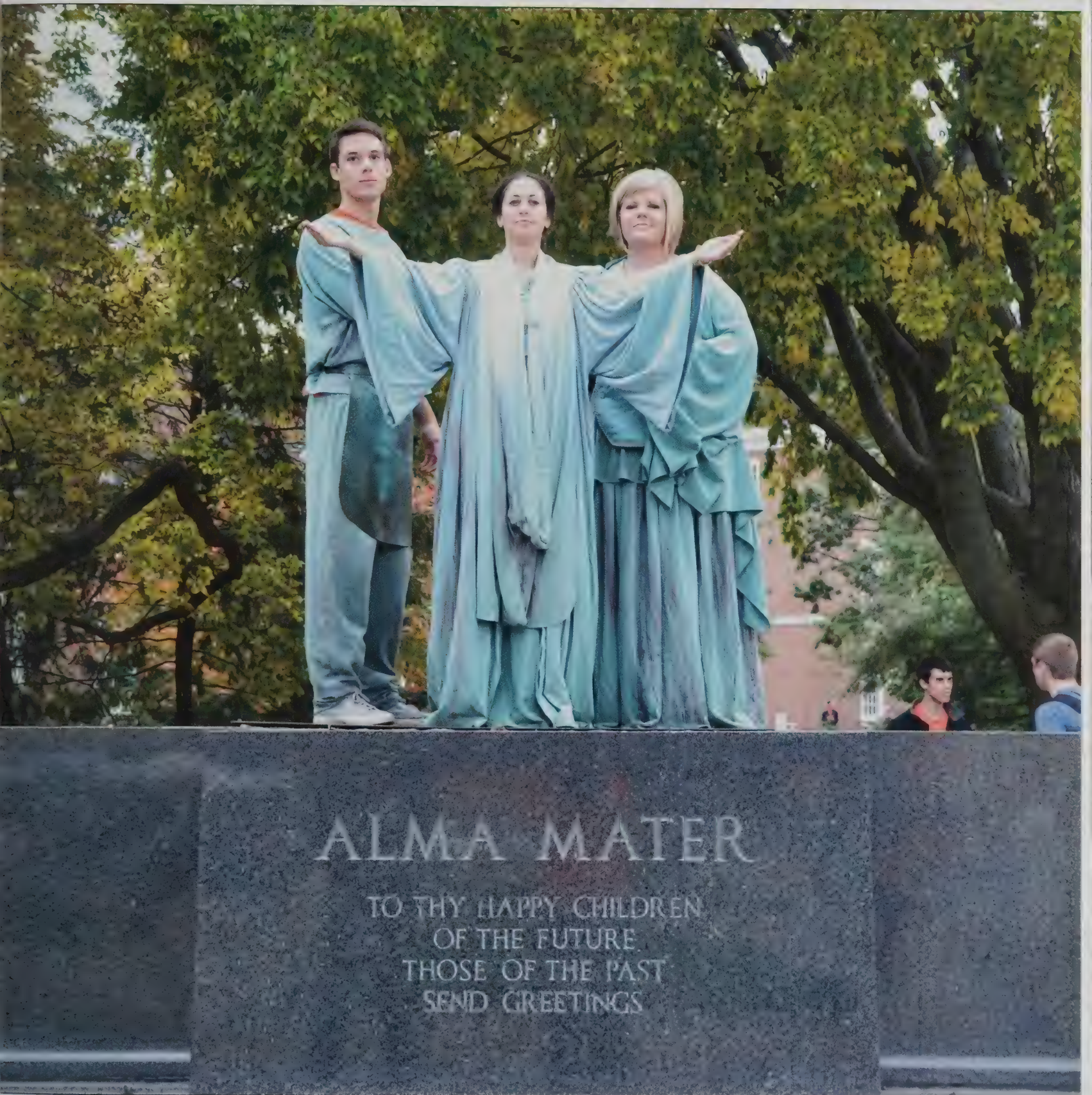
**Nickname:**

SAA

The purpose of SAA is to establish, foster and promote the development of beneficial relationships among the University's students, alumni, staff, faculty and the campus community. SAA also promotes the activities of the UI Alumni Association through its programs and services to create and instill the spirit of the Illini in University of Illinois.







ALMA MATER

TO THY HAPPY CHILDREN  
OF THE FUTURE  
THOSE OF THE PAST  
SEND GREETINGS





# Senior Portraits

Students with Senior Status: 9,113  
Double Majors: 797  
Bachelor Degrees Granted (2012): 7,730  
Mean term to get degree: 8.4  
Did Undergrad Research: 45.7%  
Accepted full time work: 23.6%  
Going to grad school: 23.2%  
Plan to work or grad school: 46.8%







Photo by: Alumni Association



Marall Abbaszadeh  
GLENVIEW, IL MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY  
Kelsey Abbott  
SCHALMUR, IL AGRIBUSINESS  
Allison Abrahamian  
BL MANK, IL KINESIOLOGY  
Melanie Abramowicz  
HIGHLAND PARK, IL ELEMENTARY EDUCATION  
Michael Adamski  
GLENVIEW, IL GENERAL ENGINEERING  
George Aguilar  
PARK RIDGE, IL MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY

Aasifuddin Ahmed  
DANVILLE, IL MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY  
Ameen Ahmed  
DANVILLE, IL INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY  
Ethan Ahn  
CHAMPAIGN, IL ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING  
Kate Manoucheka Airey  
BOYNTON BEACH, FL COMMUNICATIONS  
Elizabeth Akanbi  
ELGIN, IL HUMAN NUTRITION  
Brian Akong  
CRYSTAL LAKE, IL NUCLEAR ENGINEERING

Denise Akuamah  
URBANA, IL MOLECULAR CELLULAR BIOLOGY  
Mary Albano  
OAK LAWN, IL DANCE  
Rebecca Alberts  
BUFFALO GROVE, IL GEOLOGY/RHETORIC CREATIVE WRITING  
Michael Alcazar  
DES PLAINES, IL GENERAL ENGINEERING  
Rachel Alessi  
SEVERN, MD CHEMISTRY  
Milan Alexander  
CHICAGO, IL AGRICULTURE CONSUMER AND ECONOMICS

Andres Alvarez  
CHICAGO, IL TECHNICAL SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT  
Araceli Ambriz  
ARCOLA, IL ANTHROPOLOGY  
Rachel Amoah  
SAVOY, IL PSYCHOLOGY  
Joyce An  
GURNEE, IL SOCIAL WORK  
Danielle Anderson  
BURNHAM, IL MARKETING  
Eric Anderson  
WILLOWBROOK, IL MATERIAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Erin Anderson  
AURORA, IL AEROSPACE ENGINEERING  
Shaniquia Anderson  
CHAMPAIGN, IL ENGLISH  
Thomas Anderson  
DOWNERS GROVE, IL ADVERTISING  
Stephanie Andler  
MOUNT PROSPECT, IL FOOD SCIENCE & HUMAN NUTRITION  
Clarence Ang  
SAN JUAN CITY, PHILIPPINES ACCOUNTANCY  
Jessica Ang  
NILES, IL MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR BIOLOGY

Godfrey Angara  
WHEELING, IL POLITICAL SCIENCE  
Fernando Angelucci  
WESTMONT, IL TECHNICAL SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT  
Angela Anialone  
HOFFMAN ESTATE, IL PSYCHOLOGY  
Hortencia Arizpe  
URBANA, IL SOCIAL WORK  
Alyssa Arkin  
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL MUSIC EDUCATION  
Taylor Arlis  
BATAVIA, IL ANIMAL SCIENCE

Kevin Armstrong  
WILMETTE, IL ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING  
Danielle Arnold  
OAK LAWN, IL COMMUNICATION  
Kelcy Arnould  
CHAMPAIGN, IL PAINTING  
Jourdan Arvin  
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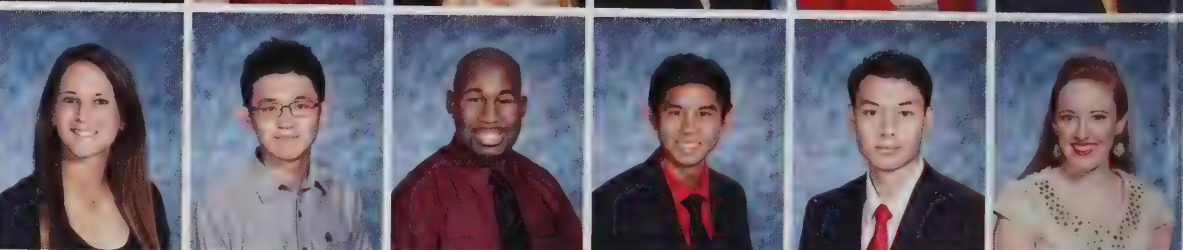
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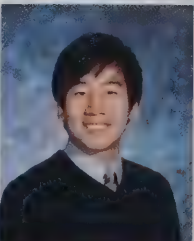
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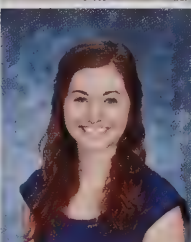
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Kam's is a famous establishment for both current students and alumni, alike. The orange and blue exterior right across the street from campus makes it a go to choice for alumni trying to relive their college days and freshman looking to join the Illinois tradition. For the first time this year, however, Kam's became a 21 and over bar cutting down its patrons, but adding new entertainments such as pool tables.





Caption about Green and Wright



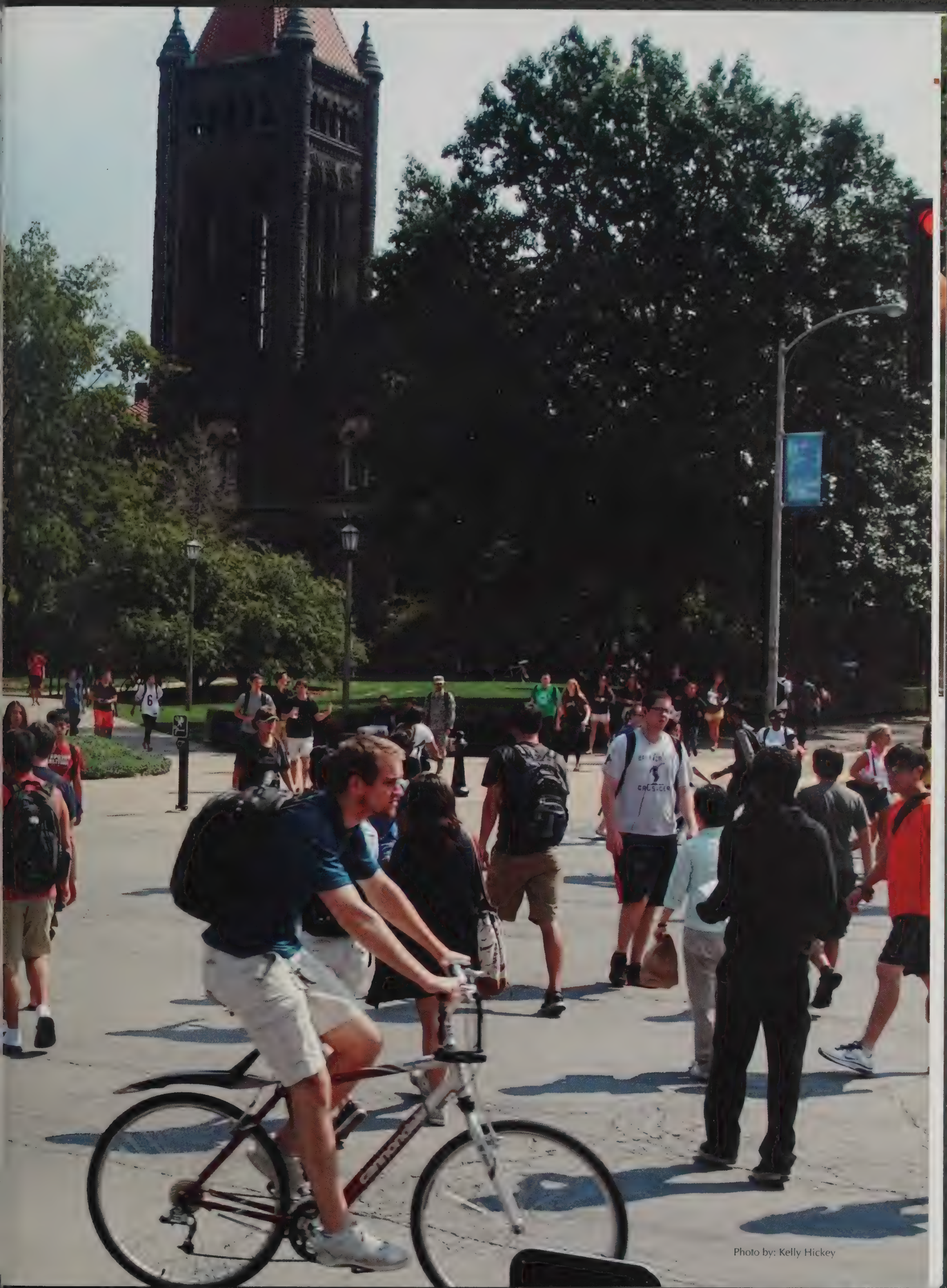


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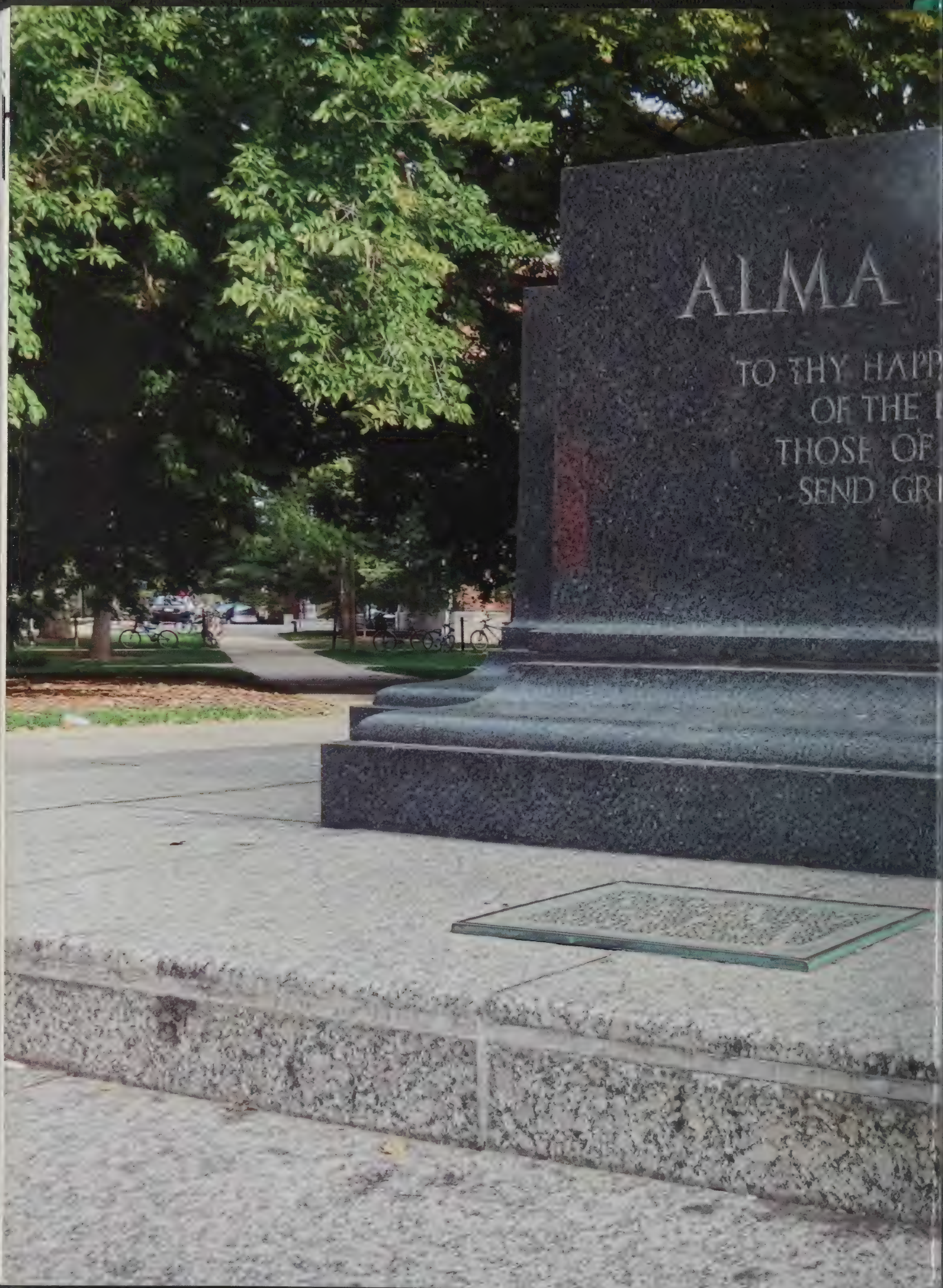
Classes were cancelled on Monday, March 25th due to inclement weather, and students participated in a snowball fight on the Quad.



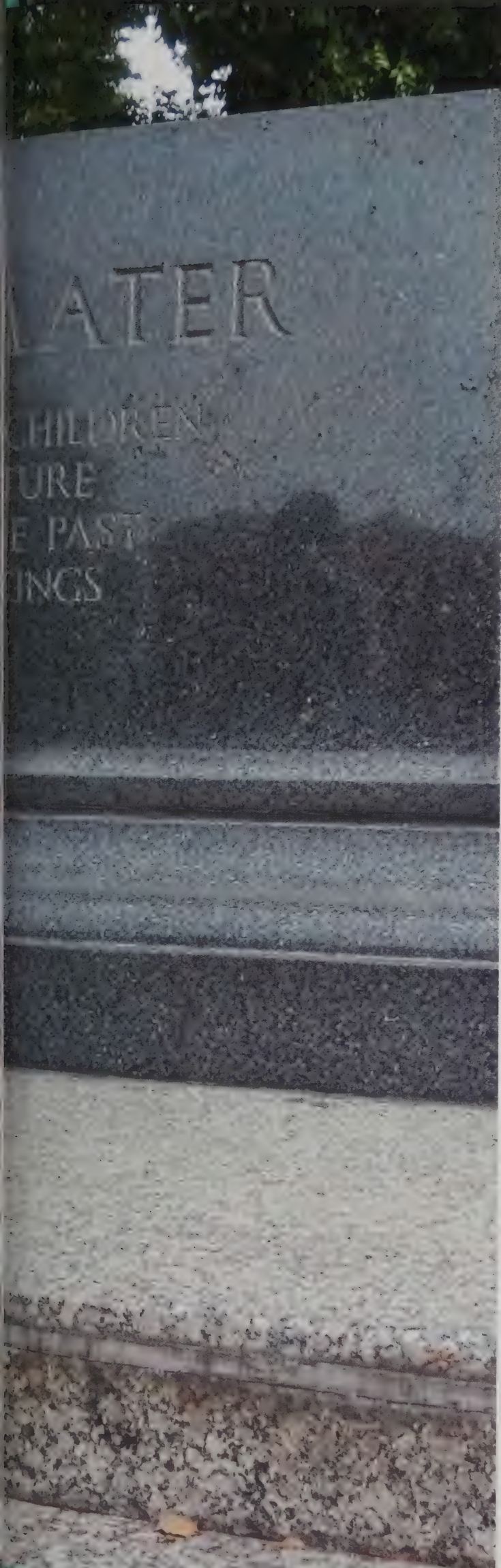


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# Forward.

Large orange envelopes have been sent and expanded the Illinois family.

The achievement of students creates a new generation of alumni.

Ground was broke, the campus map has grown. Grants have been given and research developed.

Coaches have transitioned and teams have beaten rival in buzzer-beaters. Mascots debated and renovations planned.

Illinois is forever evolving. Some change is welcomed, other resisted. What makes change an art is how we react it it. As a university we grow from it, and improve along the way.

Change uncovers our potential and with each change we find our potential to be much greater.



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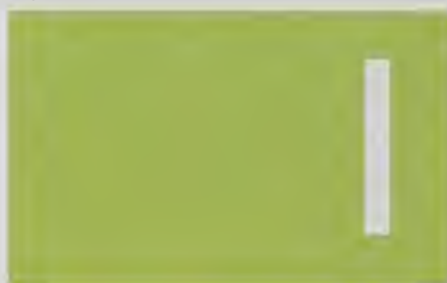


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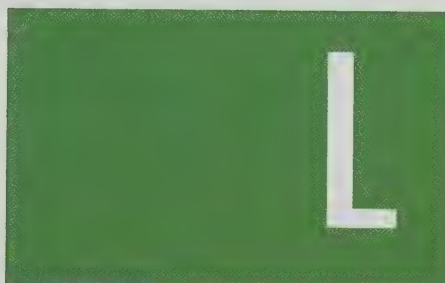
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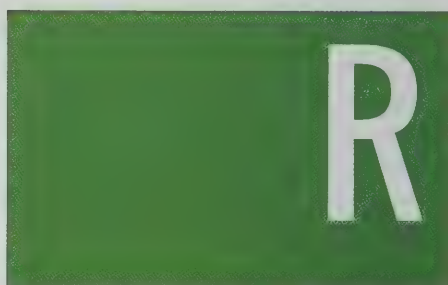
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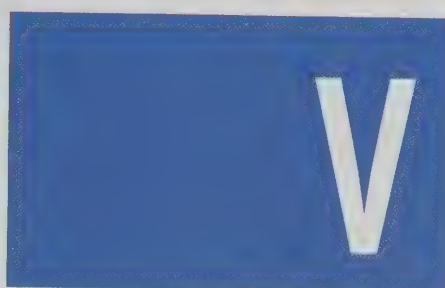


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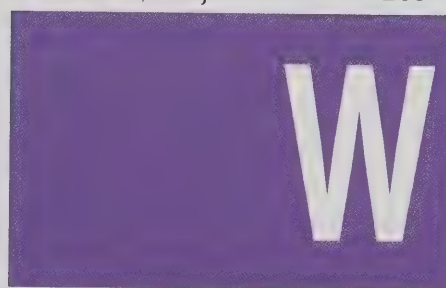




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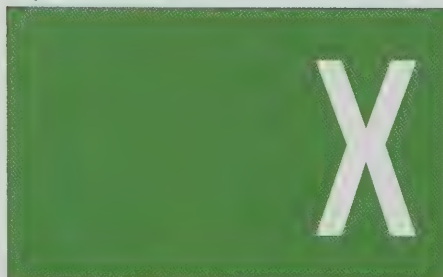
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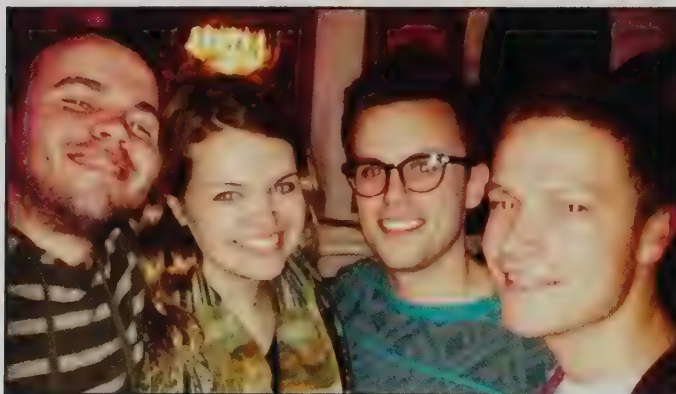


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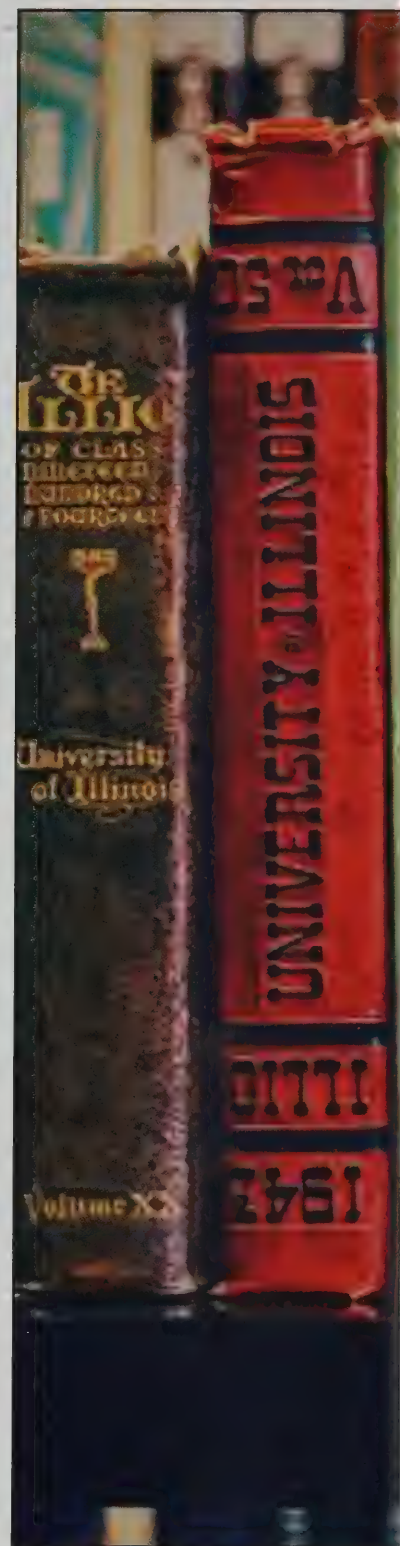
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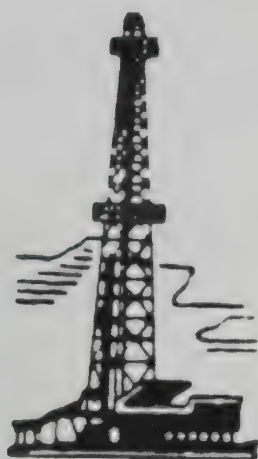
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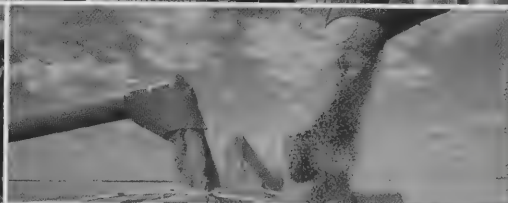
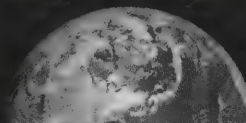


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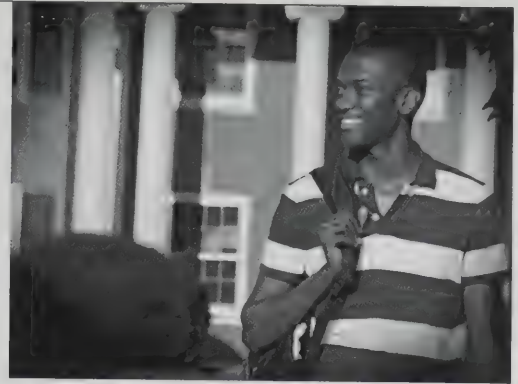
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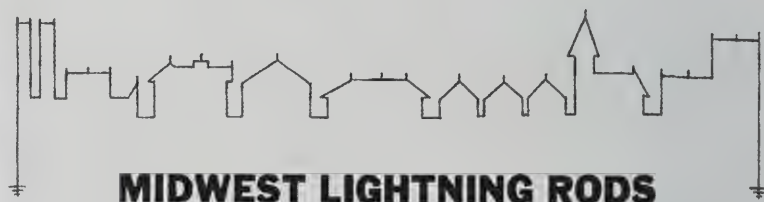


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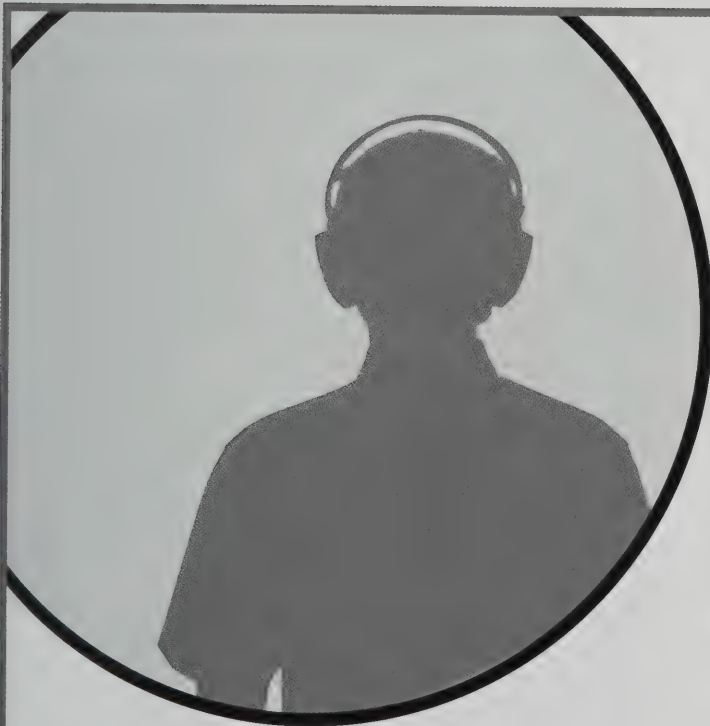
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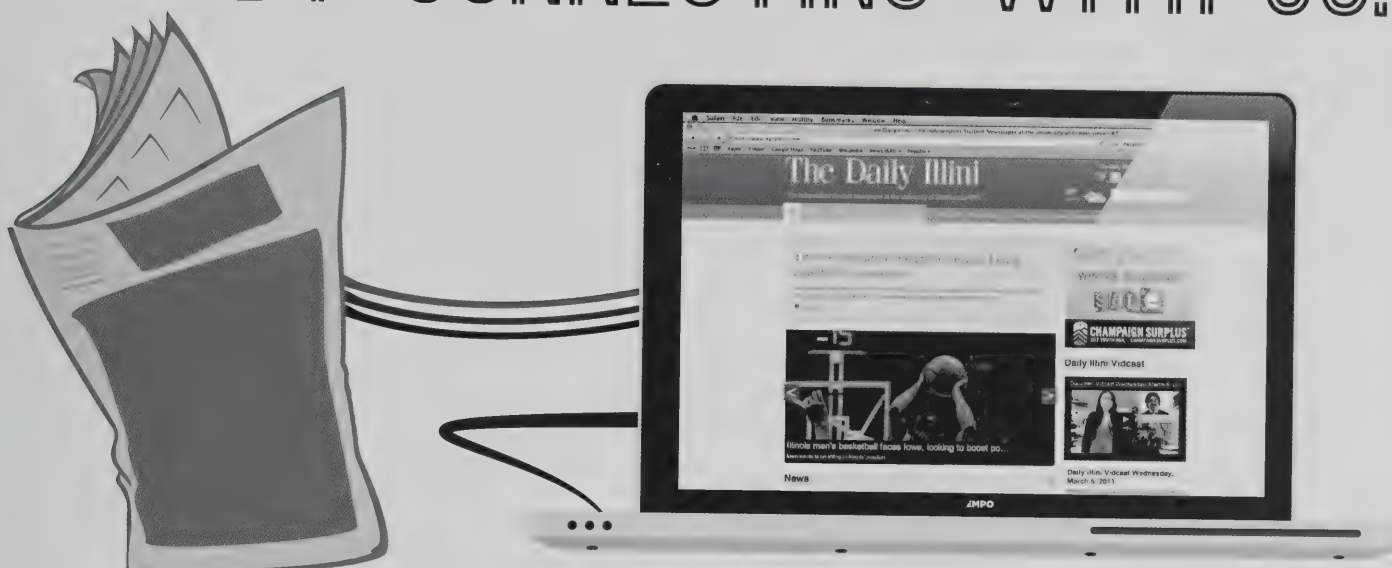
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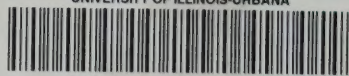








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